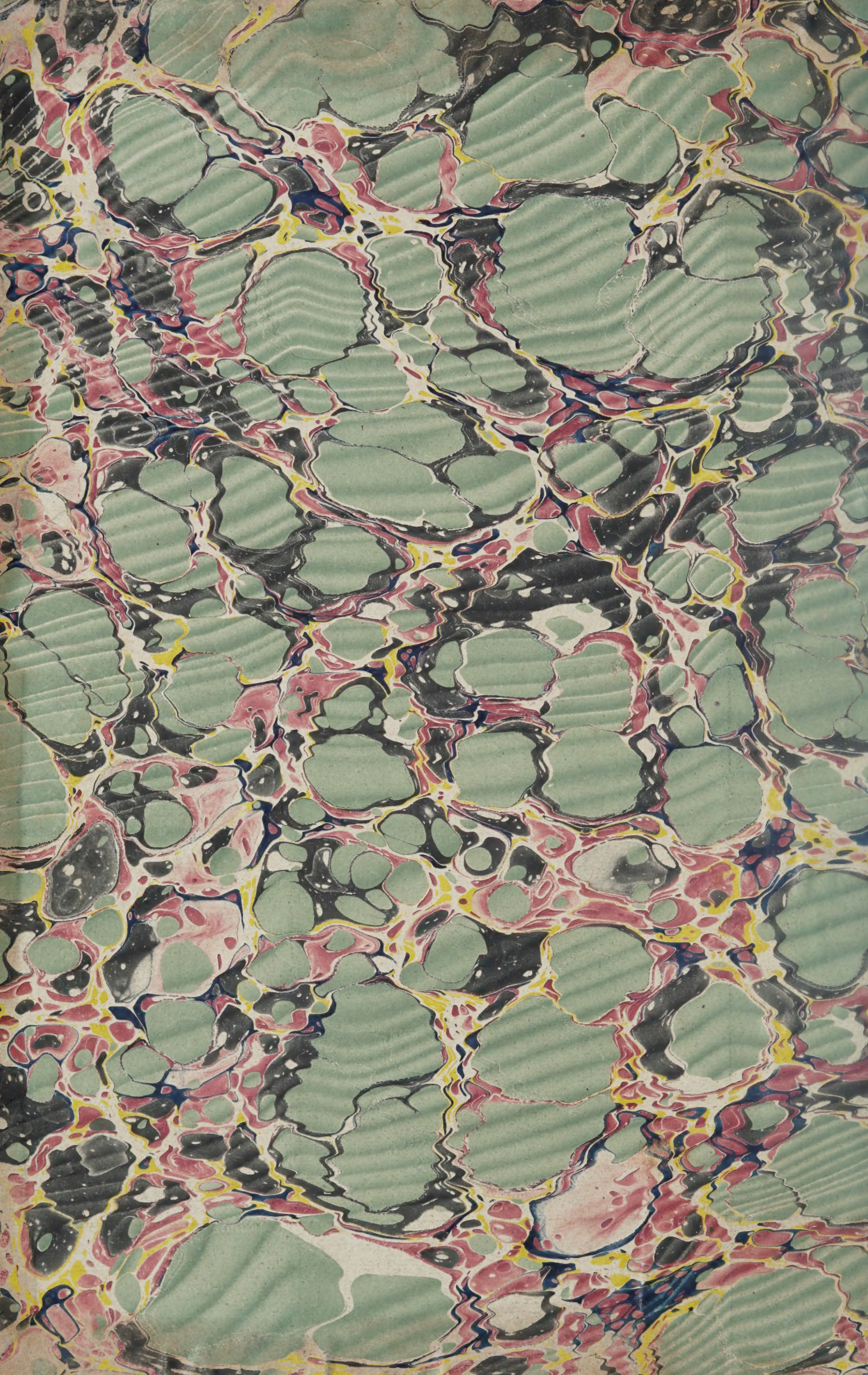


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At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-England held on Rhode Island; beginning with Public Meetings for worship, both at Newport and Portsmouth on First day, the 15th of 6th month 1845 and at Newport on Second day morning the 16th, for Discipline.

Having assembled under circumstances very peculiar and painful, it has appeared to us important, briefly to set forth, and to place upon our records some of those causes which produced a division in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and its subordinate branches, during the past year; and which resulted in a fearful schism in the early part of this Yearly Meeting, whereby we have been deprived, not only of the reports from all our Quarterly Meetings, except one, but also of the books and papers of the Yearly Meeting, including the minutes made during our first sitting on Second day morning.

For several years past, many of the most prominent and influential members of this Yearly Meeting, who had formerly appeared to be in good measure established in the Truth, but who, for want of an humble abiding therein, which would have preserved them out of all error, have fallen from that state and standing, which they once knew, and have manifested a sorrowful disposition to lower the standard of our Christian profession, by introducing and conniving at the introduction of doctrines, principles and practices, at variance with, and subversive of those which have ever distinguished us as a people, as set forth in the standard writings of our early Friends particularly in Robert Barclay's "Apology for the true christian divinity", which has been fully approved and adopted, not only by this Meeting, but by the Society at large.

In order the more easily to effect a change in our well known principles, corresponding with that which had taken place in themselves, they have not hesitated to lay waste the good order and discipline of the Church—making use of the station and influence which they had improperly retained in the Society, and of a profession of great concern for the maintenance of its order, to conceal their secret defection in principle, and to gloss over their proceedings, which were designed to "hurt and destroy" those who could not be induced to unite with them in removing "the ancient landmarks" of our Christian profession, or to refrain from bearing testimony to the Truth as always held and supported by Friends, and as enjoined by our discipline.

Seeming to depend very much upon their numerical strength, many and various have been the artifices to which they have resorted, to increase and perpetuate their own power and numbers. They have been unwearied in raising and spreading unfounded prejudices and evil reports, against those Friends (both at home and abroad) who firmly opposed these innovations, some of whom, in this way, they succeeded in laying under dealing and disowning. And in order to effect this purpose, they have very improperly interfered with the administration of the discipline in different Monthly Meetings—in one instance dissolving a Monthly Meeting, in a manner plainly contrary to the express provisions of the discipline—and in another, causing a separation, and setting up a spurious Monthly Meeting.

Thus the most important rights of individuals and of Meetings have been disregarded, whenever the testimonies of the one or the conclusions of the other, have stood in their way. And when their proceedings with respect to these, have been brought up for investigation, by appeal to the Yearly Meeting, the undue influence

and power which they had attained, as well as the declension of many with them into outward, literal views and interpretations of Scriptures, has enabled them to sustain themselves by an apparent majority of numbers.

Many of these prominent and influential members, who as a standing Committee of the Yearly Meeting, have been for a long time engaged in efforts to suppress all expression of dissatisfaction with the new doctrines sought to be introduced amongst us, were actively engaged in effecting the separation in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and in sustaining the spurious Quarterly Meeting there.

At the first sitting of the Yearly Meeting, the report from the said spurious Quarterly Meeting was read, together with those from the other Quarters, and the representatives names entered upon the minutes; but the Clerk declined reading the account from the genuine Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends until informed by a message from the Men's Meeting that they had done so; when she reluctantly read it and noticed it ~~upon~~ the minutes as purporting to be from that Meeting, and recorded the names of the representatives. The case was then referred to the representatives from the other Quarterly Meetings for them to report, which of the two accounts and representatives should be acknowledged by the Yearly Meeting; and without objection on the part of the representatives from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in consequence of the messengers from the Men's Meeting having not only omitted to give the information as requested, that our Men Friends had wholly declined such reference, but had given an entirely different impression. Neither did they inform us of our Men Friends having objected to the suspension of the article of discipline in relation to the appointment of Clerks: - so that our representatives felt justified in meeting at the close of the sitting, in cooperation with Men Friends and agreeing upon the names of Clerks to serve the Meeting this year.

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Second day afternoon - 16th of the month. - Near the time adjourned to, the Meeting gathered.

Mary Davis, on behalf of the representatives from Rhode Island, and some of those from Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, reported that they had met, and were united in proposing the names of Martha S. Gould for Clerk and Judith Swift for assistant Clerk; with which this Meeting unites, and they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing.

By the account received from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting the representatives are Mary Buffinton, Patience Chace, Ruth Kenyon, Catharine K. Boyd, Sarah S. Kenyon, Eunice Foster and Martha S. Gould: who being called were all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Meeting adjourns, to meet again at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at this house.

Third day morning. 17th. Friends met near the Meeting-house, at the appointed hour, and finding it occupied by those, who yesterday refused to acknowledge the appointment of Clerks; it is concluded to appoint our Friends Mary Davis, Judith Swift and Mary Gardner to ask of those now assembled in the house, to allow the Clerks the occupancy of the table, and to place the minutes and records of the Meeting, in their hands.

The committee appointed to request the occupancy of the Clerks table, and possession of our books and records now in their hands, report that the request was utterly denied.

As the reports from all the Quarterly Meetings except Rhode Island have fallen into the hands of those who have separated themselves from religious fellowship with us we have no means of ascertaining, who the representatives are, except by calling upon those present to acknowledge themselves such, individually; which being, done by Mary Davis and Judith Swift, both from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, they are recognised by this Meeting as representatives.

Having been refused admittance into our Meeting-house we have concluded to adjourn, to meet again immediately at the Baptist Meeting-house, on Clark Street.

According to adjournment Friends again assembled, and after sitting for some time under a feeling sense of the great deliverance wrought for us from under the grievous oppression which we have long endured at the hands of those, who have erred from the Faith - and being baptised together by the one Spirit which has overshadowed us in a remarkable manner, as in days of old and as in former years - we have not thought fit to transact any business at this sitting, and under the exceedingly precious and solemn covering vouchsafed, the Meeting adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at this place.

Afternoon - pursuant to adjournment, met near the 4th hour.

Altho, the epistles from all the Quarterly Meetings with which we have hitherto corresponded have either miscarried or fallen into the hands of those who have for a long time, unjustly, assumed the controul of the affairs of the Church, and who have now gone out from us, by an open schism: - yet after seriously deliberating upon the subject, we conclude to appoint Mary Davis, Phoebe Foster, Mary Buffinton, Judith Swift, Elizabeth Mitchell

Elisabeth Will, Sylvia W. Milbur Ruth Chase, Anna Foster, Elisabeth A. Hussey, Femma Austin, Lydia Ann Gould, and Lydia Milbur, to prepare, if way should open, essays of Epistles to each of those Yearly Meetings and submit them to a future sitting,

Men Friends inform that they have received the following communication in relation to the dissolution of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting: - Viz "Having at this time received information from many members of the late South Kingstown Monthly Meeting that they feel themselves aggrieved, and the principles and discipline of the Society to have been sorrowfully violated in the dissolution of that Monthly Meeting, by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in the Eleventh month 1842, effected as it was by the control and influence of those who have since separated themselves from us; and in the subsequent confirmation thereof by the Yearly Meeting; and that they desire the restoration of said Monthly Meeting, believing it would contribute to the right vindication and establishment of the Primitive Christian Doctrines, Discipline and Order, of our religious Society: Upon a consideration of this weighty subject, it is the deliberate, united sense and judgment of this Meeting, that the Cause of Truth does require that the Yearly Meeting should reverse its former decision in this case, and restore South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, with the rights, privileges and obligations, belonging to it, and resting upon it, as it was before its dissolution. We therefore affectionately and earnestly request of the Yearly Meeting a reconsideration and reversal of its judgment in the case."

"Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, held at East Greenwich 5th month 1st. 1845.

Charles Perry. Assistant Clerk."

The subject having claimed their weighty attention and

deliberation, they were united in reversing the judgment of our last yearly Meeting and restoring it to all the rights and privileges belonging to it before its dissolution.

After a time of solid deliberation thereon, this Meeting fully unites with them in this decision.

The queries have been read at this time, with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, which as all the other accounts have been withheld from us, are the only answers received, and are as follows: viz -

Ans. 1st. - All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been attended; those on first-days and for discipline by most Friends: mid-week Meetings not so well attended; while those who have identified themselves in the late separation, neglect to attend at all; and a few Preparative Meetings continue to withhold their accounts from us: - The hour nearly observed: - Friends are preserved from sleeping - and from other unbecoming behaviour, clear as far as appears.

Ans. 2nd. - Love and unity are maintained - detraction guarded against - and we know of no differences but with those, who have separated from us, on account of which some care has been taken.

Ans. 3rd. - We believe Friends (except those who have separated from us) endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness as queried, also to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation; and are generally exemplary therein themselves: - The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th. — Clear as far as appears.

Ans. 5th. — The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved; their children freely furnished with learning: some placed from among Friends.

Ans. 6th. — Friends are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline: two instances of marrying out of Society, under notice.

Ans. 7th. — No breach of this query amongst us, but some of those who have absented themselves from our Meetings, attend where there is an hireling Ministry:

Ans. 8th. — We are not aware of any breach of this Query, unless it be among those who have seceded from our Society.

Ans. 9th. — Marriage certificates duly recorded: births and deaths mostly: — three removals without certificates, under notice.

Ans. 10th. — It care remains with Friends to deal with offenders, as required by the Query; but as no way has yet opened to extend our labour to those who have seceded from us, we have not been prepared to place judgment according to discipline.

The Meeting adjourns to the time appointed by our Men Friends.

18th of the month and 4th of the week. — Friends meet about the 10th hour.

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From Men Friends we have received the following minute of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting:— viz:

"Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that John Milbar has notified them that he intends to apply, to our next Yearly Meeting, for a reconsideration of his case, embracing its decision in confirmation of the judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, approving his disownment by that Monthly Meeting in the first month 1843:— said disownment and judgment having been effected by those who have since separated from us—who also controlled the action of the Yearly Meeting thereon:— and the said Monthly Meeting now unites in requesting us to forward a minute to the Yearly Meeting, respecting his case, as one of unjust dealing, requiring its reconsideration and a reversal of its decision thereon.

"This Meeting, after serious consideration thereof is united in judgment that this case, equally with that of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, calls for the like action on the part of the Yearly Meeting; as being essential to the maintenance of individual rights, and a due support of our precious Principles and Discipline;— and as such we desire of the Yearly Meeting, a reversal of its former judgment therein."

And this Meeting, believing John Milbar to have been unjustly dealt with and disowned, in direct violation of our Discipline, and contrary to the principles of Christian justice, fully unites with our Men's Meeting, in reversing the decision of our last Yearly Meeting in his case, and restoring him to membership and to his former station in Society.

Men Friends inform that they have granted to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting the liberty of changing the

place of holding it, from Portsmouth to Newport in the eighth month - and from Sunset to Fall River in the Eleventh month, and have directed that Meeting to convene at those places accordingly; - in which this Meeting concurs.

The Meeting adjourns to meet again at the hour appointed by our Men Friends.

Afternoon. - Friends met about the 5th hour.

From Men's Meeting, we have received the following minute of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, viz: -

"Rhode Island Monthly Meeting,
"has at this time, forwarded to us the application
"of Thomas P. Nichols to the Yearly Meeting, for
"a reconsideration of its decision in his case
"of appeal last year, relative to proceedings
"against him on the part of those who have
"since separated from us; - expressing a sin-
"cere desire to be restored to his right of mem-
"bership with Friends - of which he considers
"himself unjustly deprived: - we are united in
"presenting his case to the Yearly Meeting, as one
"of suffering, for the maintenance of our ancient
"principles and testimonies; and desire both as an
"act of justice to him, and for the promotion of the
"Cause of Truth amongst us, that his case may be re-
"examined, and the decision therein reversed"

And we are informed that they have concluded to reverse the judgment of the Yearly Meeting in this case, with which we cordially unite, believing him to have been unjustly and irregularly dealt with and disowned.

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting informs that they have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of John Mitchell and Catharine Mitchell to the station of Elders; and with Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry, of Hannah Carpenter.

The Meeting adjourns, to meet again at the time concluded upon by men Friends.

17th of the month and 2d of the week. — Near the 4th hour, Friends again met.

An essay of an epistle to the Yearly Meeting, of men Friends in Philadelphia, has been read, approved and directed to be signed and forwarded, by the Clerk, on behalf of this Meeting.

We adjourn, to meet again as men Friends may appoint.

18th day morning, — 20th of the month. Pursuant to adjournment, the Meeting gathered.

A concern having spread over this Meeting, on account of the painful state of things in our Society — and Men Friends having informed that they have appointed a committee to visit subordinate Meetings, for the purpose of advising and assisting them in, maintaining our christian discipline and good order in the transaction of their business — and in order to promote the same, and for the preservation of our ancient testimonies and doctrines, this Meeting unites therewith and appoints Patience Chase, Mary Buffinton, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mabel Abdy

Sydia Train, Mary Davis, Phoebe Foster, Mary Buffin-
 -ton End, Mary Gardner, Judith Swift, Elizabeth Hill
 Sylvia H. Milbur, Mary Chace Ruth Chace, Elizabeth
 Perry, Lucretia Tucker, Mary Paddock, Sarah Liden-
 -yon, Lydia Milbur and Martha T. Gould to join
 them in the service. We also unite with
 them in granting liberty to the Quarterly Meet-
 -ings, to change the time and place of holding them
 from what is now provided by our discipline, if
 circumstances should appear to render such change
 necessary.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with
 a copy of this minute and they are requested to report
 such change, if any should be made, in their accounts
 to this Meeting next year; and the Committee are
 requested to report their proceedings at the same
 time.

We have received information from Men Friends
 that the subject of our Yearly Meeting Boarding
 School at Providence, had claimed their attention;
 and it appearing that those who have hitherto had
 the charge thereof, have all identified themselves
 with the Separatists, and consequently have
 failed to report their proceedings to us; they had
 therefor concluded to appoint a committee to have
 the oversight thereof, and report to this Meeting next
 year. After duly considering the subject, this
 Meeting unites therewith, and appoints the following
 named Friends to join them in the service: viz,
 Mary Buffinton, Elizabeth Kitchell, Mary Davis,
 Judith Swift, Susan C. Ray, Sarah Lidenyon,
 Mary Buffinton End, Phoebe Foster, Sylvia H. Milbur
 Eunice Foster, and Elizabeth Hill.

Essay of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of this, Baltimore and Indiana, have at this time been read, united with, and directed to be signed by the Clerk on behalf of this Meeting, and forwarded.

We adjourn, to meet again, pursuant to the appointment of our Men Friends.

Afternoon — According to adjournment, again met.

We have received and read essays of Epistles to New York and North Carolina Yearly Meetings which were adopted, and directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded.

Men Friends inform that on account of some of their members, who are now present, not having been in the Meeting when the case of South Kingston Monthly Meeting was considered; they have concluded to bring that subject again before the Meeting; which resulted in a Committee being appointed to investigate the case; — who reported it to be their sense that the judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, should be reversed and that Monthly Meeting restored to all the rights, privileges and obligations, belonging to and resting upon it, before such dissolution — with which this Meeting fully unites.

This Meeting adjourns, to meet again at the time our Men Friends may appoint.

1st of the month and 7th of the week. — Friends met about the 10th hour in the morning.

An essay of an epistle to the Yearly Meeting of women Friends in London, has been read, united with, and

directed to be signed, on behalf of this Meeting, and forwarded.

Elizabeth Will Sylvia C. Willms Mary Baffin-
ton, Judith Swift Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary Davis
and Elizabeth A. Cassady are appointed to assist the
Clerk in preparing extracts from our Minutes; and if
way should open for it, to collect the exercises which have
been felt and expressed amongst us, for the help and en-
couragement of subordinate Meetings; and produce
them at a future sitting.

The Meeting adjourns till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - Friends met near the time appointed.

An essay of an epistle to Dublin of our Meeting
was produced at this time - read, approved and
directed to be signed by the Clerk on behalf of this
Meeting, and forwarded.

The Meeting adjourns, to meet again on second day
of next week, at 10 o'clock.

Second day Morning - 23rd of the month. Friends
assembled, pursuant to adjournment. The rep-
resentatives, who were with us at our first sitting, all
present excepting one.

Our Friends having laid before us an episto-
lary Declaration and Testimony which they
have prepared for publication, setting forth some
of the causes of the late sorrowful division in our
religious Society: - and contrasting the unsound
doctrines of the separatists with the doctrines of Friends.
It has been read and solidly considered; and being

fully united with, the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting, to assist the Clerk in preparing extracts from the minutes of this Meeting &c. - produced the following, which being read and approved, is directed to be signed by the Clerk and presented to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

On being permitted again to assemble in a collective capacity, the minds of a remnant, have been bowed before Him, from whom proceedeth every substantial good; - and a feeling has been manifested that would, under a grateful sense of past mercies, reverently ascribe unto Him, that praise, which is His due; humbly supplicating a continuation of His watchful, paternal care, and that preserving Power, which is as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest - as rivers of water in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock, in a weary land.

A concern has spread over this Meeting, for the maintenance of our Christian Discipline and good order, and for the preservation of our ancient testimonies, that they be not suffered to fall through our watchfulness, or through fear of the things we may have to suffer. But that we may be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, even as the Apostle, when he said, "I am ready, not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Although our number is small in comparison with those we have been accustomed to meet with in a Yearly Meeting capacity, yet we have been encouraged to believe that our engagements have been on the Lord's side, and that if there is but an abiding in His power, He will fight the battle - He will take the cause into His own hands, and the host of opposing Spirits, which we have so much feared, will fall before us, even as at the sound of the Horn, or at the

breaking of the pitcher.

The epistles from all the Yearly Meetings, with whom we have heretofore corresponded, have fallen into the hands of those who have for a long time unjustly assumed the control of the affairs of the Church, and who have now gone out from us by an open schism, — yet after seriously deliberating upon the subject, we have concluded to address those Meetings, and a committee was appointed, who accordingly, produced essays which were united with, and directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded to the several Yearly Meetings.

We have united with Men Friends in reversing the judgment of this Meeting in 1843. in regard to the dissolution of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting; and also last year in relation to the cases of John Milbur and Thomas P. Nichols — they having been concluded and recorded by those who had obtained an undue influence and arbitrary control therein, and in violation of our discipline.

The situation of our Yearly Meeting, Boarding School at Providence has been brought to our view. It appearing that those who have hitherto had the charge there, have identified themselves with the Separatists, and have accordingly failed to report their proceedings to us at this time, a committee was appointed to unite with Men Friends in rendering such assistance as may be called for, and to report to this Meeting next year.

A lively exercise has prevailed that an advancement in the Christian Course might be witnessed by us individually; that thus the period may be hastened when the Church shall come forth out of the wilderness, leaning upon the arm of her beloved fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Believing that "He who maketh the clouds His chariot
and rideth upon the wings of the wind" hath been mer-
cifully, pleased, from sitting to sitting, of this our annual
assembly, to favour us with divine regard - strengthen-
ing, and enabling, us by the influence of His Spirit to
transact the various and important affairs that have
come before us, in harmony and condescension and to
bring them to a satisfactory result, - we conclude,
purposing, to meet again on this Island at the usual
time next year, if the Lord permit.

Wm. H. S. Gould, Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-England held on Rhode Island, beginning with public meetings for worship at Newport on first day the 15th of 6th month 1846; and on second day morning the 16th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from Rhode Island Salem, Sandwich, and Dover Quarterly Meetings; by which it appears that the representatives to this Meeting are, from Rhode Island Phoebe Foster, Lydia Milbur, Ruth Chase, Sarah S. Kenyon, Mary Buffinton, Eunice Foster, Lydia Mitchell and Catharine K. Boyd; from Salem, Mary Page, Dolly Buffum, and Lois S. Pres; from Sandwich, Mary Davis, Phoebe Trip, Loretta Tucker, Rachel Gardner, Mahetable Eddy, Mary Macy, Lydia E. Milbur, Lydia St. Barnard, Ruth C. Baker, Mercy Lifford and Mary Ann Taber; from Dover, Mahetable Meader, Elizabeth Hill, Huldah D. Warney and Phoebe Meader; - who on being called are all present except two, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

No account has been received at this time from either Salmouth, Smithfield, Wassalborough or Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

We are informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Palmer Chase, Thomas Milbur Ruth Chase and Mary Chase to the station of Elder: with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Foster and Phoebe Foster to the same station - and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Thomas St. Gould. - By Salem Quarterly Meeting that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in appointing Mary Page to the station of an elder; and by Dover Quarterly

Meeting that it has united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Reader and Mahetable Reader to the same station; also by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting that it has united with Antucket Monthly Meeting in appointing Sarah L. Paddock to that station.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting informs that in conformity with the liberty granted them last year that Meeting has been held at Pawtucket instead of Portsmouth at the usual time in the 8th month and at Fall River instead of Sumner set, at the usual time in the 11th month:

Salem Quarterly Meeting informs that it has been held at Lynn in the 10th and 5th months instead of at Ware and Seabrook:

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting that it was held at Antucket in the 10th month instead of Sandwich as heretofore:

Dover Quarterly Meeting informs that that Meeting has been held at North Berwick instead of Sandwich, Rochester and Dover as formerly. The Women Friends also inform that under a consideration of the State of Society at the present time, they have concluded to extend for another year, the liberty heretofore granted those Quarterly Meetings, to change the time and place of holding them if circumstances should appear to render it necessary, and they are requested to report such change, if any should be made, in their accounts next year:—with all of which this Meeting unites.

Although we have not, at this time, received epistles from any of the yearly Meetings with whom we have hitherto corresponded, yet after seriously deliberating upon the subject, the Meeting is united in believing it will be best to appoint the following, named Friends to prepare, if way should open for it, essays or epistles to each and produce them at a future sitting: viz Mary Davis, Mary Buffinton, Elizabeth Nichols, Sarah L. Paddock, Elizabeth Midehell, Elizabeth Will

Mary Macy, Phebe Foster, Elizabeth A. Hassen, Rachel Gardner, Mary Ann Bates, Lois S. Sves, Mary L. Austin, Mary Page, Eliza Coffin, and Sylvia R. Milbur.

The Meeting adjourns to the hour our Men Friends, may appoint.

Afternoon — about the 4th hour the Meeting gathered.

Mary Davis on behalf of the representatives reported that they had met at the close of the morning sitting, and were united in proposing the names of Martha S. Gould for Clerk of this Meeting and Sarah S. Paddock for Assistant Clerk: — which being united with, they are accordingly appointed to that service, for the ensuing year.

A minute of North Carolina Yearly Meeting with a report of a committee which it had appointed in relation to their reception of our epistle of last year and also a minute from New-York Yearly Meeting on the same subject, having been read in this Meeting, they are referred to the committee on the correspondence, for them to consider and report, what disposition shall be made of them.

Elizabeth Nichols and Phebe Foster are appointed to assist the Clerks in preparing a summary of ^{the} answers to the queries, to present to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The queries have all been read at this time, with answers thereto from Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings.

The Meeting adjourns to meet again at the time appointed by our Men Friends.

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16th of the month and 3rd of the week — about the 10th hour Friends again assembled.

The committee appointed to assist the clerk in preparing a summary of answers to the queries, have produced one at this time, which has been read and being satisfactory to the Meeting, is directed to be recorded and is as follows, viz:

Summary.

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except in a few instances, in consequence of a Meeting for worship being held in two places, and the number small, one has not always been sustained. The hour nearly observed: — mostly clear from sleeping, and clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity appear to prevail amongst those who have not separated themselves from Friends, and who are desirous of maintaining the ancient principles of our Society — such are careful to guard against detraction. We know of no differences among Friends.

Ans. 3rd. We believe a concern prevails with those who remain with Friends, to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from unprofitable reading and conversation, and are in a good degree exemplary themselves: yet there are some deviations in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th. Clear in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance, are inspected, and their necessities relieved; and they assisted in such business as they are capable of; — their children

partake of learning; - none appear to be placed out from among Friends; yet one of the reports states that one Monthly Meeting has not been in a situation to give due attention to these subjects.

Ans. 6th. Parents and heads of families, are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans. 7th. Friends are generally careful in regard to the several parts of this query; yet one report states there are some deviations existing among them, in one particular, which are under notice.

Ans. 8th. All the reports state that Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - they are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts; and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th. Friends appear to be generally careful to have all their marriages, births, deaths and burials duly recorded; but two of the accounts make some exception with regard to removals without certificates.

Ans. 10th. A care appears to rest on the minds of Friends to deal with all offenders in the manner queried after; but owing to the peculiar situation in which we are placed, way has not yet opened for dealing with those who have seceded from us, or to place judgment upon them.

The Meeting adjourns to meet again at the hour concluded on by our Men Friends.

After-noon. Friends assembled about the 4th hour.

The Secretaries of this Meeting are authorised to make extracts from the minutes and collect some of the exercises of this Meeting to send down to subordinate Meetings. and produce them at a future sitting.

From Men Friends we have received memorials of the Jersey Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and the Meeting for Sufferings, concerning, our beloved friends Benjamin Buffinton and Nath Buffinton, Deceased, both of which have been read and were very satisfactory to this Meeting;

The Meeting adjourns to meet again pursuant to the adjournment of Men Friends.

17th of the month and 1st of the week. - about the 10th hour Friends again met.

A considerable part of this sitting having been occupied with a religious visit from two of our Men Friends we have not thought it best to enter upon any further business at this time; therefore have concluded to adjourn to such time as our Men's Meeting may appoint.

5th day afternoon - 18th of the month. About the 1st hour the Meeting gathered.

Essays of Epistles to New York, Baltimore Philadelphia North Carolina and Ohio. have been read and united with at this time, and directed to be signed and forwarded on behalf of this Meeting;

From Men Friends we have been informed that they had appointed a committee to take into consideration the subject of the suspension of that portion of our Discipline requiring a Meeting for worship to be held at Portsmouth on the first day of the week, at the commencement of our Yearly Meetings who reported it as their judgment that it would

be best to suspend that rule of discipline for the present: and that their Meeting had fully united with the report: - This Meeting concurring therein, it is accordingly, suspended until further action upon it, by this Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting adjourns to meet again as Men Friends may appoint.

19th of the month and 6th of the week: - Friends assembled about the 10th hour.

The committee appointed to have charge of our Boarding School at Providence, have produced the following report: viz:

"To New-England Yearly Meeting of Friends, now sitting;

"The committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to have charge of our Boarding School at Providence report, that the funds of the Institution and the controll of the School, being in the hands of those who have separated themselves from our religious society, we have been deprived of any access to the property, or any controll over the School."

On behalf of the Committee Prince Gardner
Mary Davis.

Newport, 6th month 16th 1846.

which report is satisfactory to this Meeting - And Men Friends having appointed a committee to take the same charge in future, we unite therewith and appoint Mary Davis, Hebe Foster, Mary Buffinton, Elizabeth Hill, Lydia Ann Gould, Mahetable Eddy, Sylvia W. Milbar, Hebe Coffin, Mary Page, Mary Paddock, Lucretia Tucker and Huldah Warner, to join them in the service and report to this Meeting next year.

The committee appointed last year to visit sub-ordinate Meetings to assist them in transacting their business according to discipline and good order, have produced the following report:

"To New-England Yearly Meeting of Friends now sitting,

The committee appointed to visit subordinate Meetings and to render such advice and assistance as might appear necessary and way should open for, to those Meetings, in the transaction of their business according to discipline and the good order of our religious Society; report, that in the fulfilment of our appointment, we have visited divers of the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, within our limits; and where permitted, have extended such advice and assistance as the very trying circumstances in which Friends were placed, seemed to require, and we were enabled to afford.

Inasmuch as a separation had already taken place in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and in all the Monthly Meetings composing it, previous to our appointment, and Friends in that Quarter were thus measurably delivered from the more trying situation in which they had been placed; the labours of the committee have not been so much required in that Quarterly Meeting; — yet some of the committee from other Quarters, have at times attended it.

In the seventh month last a part of our number attended Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held in Nantucket and presented the minute of our appointment by the Yearly Meeting, which the Clerk of that Quarterly Meeting declined to receive or read, in which course he was supported by divers of the members of that Meeting, many of whom had separated themselves from Friends at the time of the last Yearly Meeting, and now further manifested their departure and insubordination by receiving a minute from the separate Yearly Meeting, and acknowledged its committee which was then present. — After much

ineffectual labour had been bestowed, to prevent them from casting off their allegiance to the Society, its principles and discipline; one of the representatives proposed the name of a Clerk for Clerk, which was united with by sound Friends and he was advised to open the Meeting, which he did, and the business was commenced; soon after which the separatists, in accordance with a proposition made by one of their number, hastily read a minute of adjournment and left the house. Against this act, on their part Friends objected, and it was distinctly stated that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends had not adjourned, of which information was sent to the women's Meeting and all those who desired to maintain their subordination to the ancient Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, were timely cautioned against leaving the house. Friends remained therein and concluded the business of the Quarterly Meeting. In the women's meeting a very similar course was pursued, both on the part of Friends and the seceders, the former having also appointed a Clerk in accordance with the order and usage of Society and accomplished the business. Thus was Sandwich Quarterly Meeting sustained upon its original foundation and has since been regularly held by Friends at New Bedford and Nantucket.

In the 8th Month a portion of the Committee attended Salem Quarterly Meeting at Lynn and the minute of their appointment was laid upon the Clerk's table. But he refused to notice it or to proceed with any other business. After a short interval a Friend proposed that inasmuch as the Clerk would not read extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, that another should be appointed in his place, who would acknowledge the proper subordination thereto.

But it was thought best to allow more time for the Clerks to decide, and the appointment was not made at that time. The Meeting sat together for several hours without taking any action, giving Friends how-

- ever a full opportunity of relieving their minds and warning all present against separating themselves from our religious Society. — But the Clerk still persisted in declining to read the extracts, and at length an adjournment was proposed and agreed to by those who supported him. At this time the nomination of another person for Clerk was renewed and the appointment was made. The Meeting was opened and was proceeding with business, when a large part of those assembled withdrew, leaving Friends in the house in the regular transaction of the business of the Quarterly Meeting. As the time was far spent the Meeting was adjourned to meet at another place on the following day; the Separatists having adjourned to the Meeting house. — The Women's meeting had become so reduced, that it was not sustained on the day of the separation; but the next day, it was enabled to co-operate with Men Friends in the transaction of the business of the Quarterly Meeting. Both the Men's and Women's Meetings have since been regularly held at Salem and Lynn.

Several of the committee also attended Dover Quarterly Meeting, in the eighth month. On opening the Meeting for discipline it appeared that there were two accounts purporting to come from Berwick Monthly Meeting; those who had identified themselves in the separation at the Yearly Meeting, with some others having separated from Friends in that Monthly Meeting, a short time before the Quarterly Meeting was held.*

* note. — This separation was effected in the Monthly Meeting, after the appointment of the regular Clerk had been made and minuted. the usual unity of the Meeting having been expressed there with; only one person dissenting. — that person, in the same Meeting, named another individual for Clerk and urged his stepping to the table notwithstanding the re-appointment of the regular Clerk. A few united with him therein and the person so nominated, attempted to act as Clerk of the meet-

Both the accounts purporting to be from Berwick Monthly Meeting, were read in the Quarterly Meeting, the names of the representatives called, and responded to by all.

An extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, embracing the appointment of the Committee, was laid on the table, and the reading of it called for. The assistant Clerk, who acted for that time, declined to read it, on the ground that it was not signed by the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, which they acknowledged. Members of the Committee, were strongly urged to leave the house, it being alleged that they had been disowned. But this having ceased, an opportunity was afforded for the Committee to make a full statement of the circumstances which had led to this unhappy state of things -- to manifest the unsoundness of those who had been the occasion of it, and to raise a warning voice against it. This having been fully done, the assistant Clerk still persisting in his refusal to read or acknowledge the document from the Yearly Meeting, Friends appointed a Clerk, no opposition being made thereto, until after the minute of his appointment had been read, a part of the representatives having been together and agreed upon a suitable Friend for the Station and proposed his name to the meeting, it being their usual time of making the appointment. Much commotion ensued on the part of those who had sustained the assistant Clerk in his position, and they soon left the house. Friends remained together and concluded the business of the Quarterly Meeting. In the women's ^{Quarterly} Meeting, proceedings very similar took place; our Women Friends were also left by those who opposed them

ing -- but soon left the house with those who encouraged him therein, and Friends remained and concluded their business.

when a clerk was appointed and they proceeded in the trans-
-action of the business until it was concluded; and that Quarterly
Meeting has since been regularly held at North Berwick.

Several of the Committee attended the pub-
-lic Quarterly Meeting, of Falmouth, held at Windham, at
the close of which great effort was made, and strong and
oppressive language used to induce us to withdraw; the Com-
-mittee however remained and endeavoured to explain the object
of their visit, and the true situation of things in this Yearly
Meeting; but it did appear that the leaders of the people
dare not allow things to be fairly opened in the hearing of
so many of their members, for they hurriedly withdrew call-
-ing the people after them. They then retired to another apart-
-ment, and set a guard at the door to prevent our men
friends from entering. But the women remained, and after
some renewed effort was made to induce our women friends
of the Committee to withdraw, they had an opportunity
fully to relieve their oppressed minds, and left with the
new and of peace. Although there were a few friends
here who appeared to sympathize in our concern, and some
who gladly received us, yet there were not sufficient to sus-
-tain the Quarterly Meeting at that time.

When the Committee arrived at Fairfield
in order to attend that Quarterly Meeting, we found
the house locked, and we were informed that we should not be al-
-lowed to enter the Meeting house, unless we would promise to sit
through the public meeting in silence, and at the close thereof
quietly withdraw. After a pause we said to them, "whether it be
right to hearken unto men more than unto God, judge ye" - not
daring to enter into any such engagement. These opposers
then set a guard at the doors, and prevented Friends from entering
the house, and those who would fain have treated us civilly were
hurried into the house, some being taken by the arms and drawn
away by the door-keepers.

In the mean time Friends were enabled to clear their skirts of them

in a manner which our adversaries were not able to gainsay or resist. They urged the Committee to leave the yard, and at length pointed out the bounds of their possessions and threatened if we did not leave, they should remove us very soon. But this was not attempted, and after remaining as long as seemed to be required of us, we felt easy to leave, there not being any prospect at that time of sustaining ^{it} upon its original ground.

At Passaborough several persons came to our lodgings, previous to the Quarterly Meeting, professing to be a committee of the Select Meeting and informed us that unless we would promise to sit in silence through the meeting for worship, and then quietly withdraw, we should not be admitted into the house at all. We let them know we did not feel at liberty to make any such promises. They then insisted on our not going to the Meetinghouse, but we told them we could not feel easy without making the attempt to ~~attempt~~ to attend that Quarterly Meeting; and in company with a few of their members who had manifested full unity with us, we went to the Meetinghouse at the appointed time and found guards placed at the doors; but our women friends went upon the steps in order to go in if allowed. One of them was quite crowded off, and on asking whether they might not go in, the guard at the door replied "there is no admittance of you?" — Friends then remained standing in silence for a time near the door, after which they felt most easy to remove a little from the house, and a solid Meeting for worship was held in the open air, attended by the few then, whose hearts were open to receive us, but as the number of these was very small, way did not open for an attempt to sustain any Meeting either for worship or discipline, more than to suggest to a few friends the desirableness of retirement in their families.

Several of the Committee attended the public Quarterly Meeting at Smithfield in the second month but were prevented from attending that for discipline in a

manner similar to that pursued by our oppressors at Falmouth, then retiring to another apartment and placing a guard at the door to prevent our entrance.

It did not appear that this Quarterly Meeting, could be sustained at that time.

In recurring to the painful circumstances that much the greater number of the members of New England Yearly Meeting, have been thus led astray, having as we believe, been deceived and kept in the dark relative to the true state of things among us by the misrepresentations of those who have been treading down the discipline and order of our religious society, and undermining our Christian doctrines and testimonies — and being strongly cautioned or arbitrarily prohibited from obtaining that information and light, they, so much stand in need of — we have not seen that any efforts of ours, or even of the Yearly Meeting, could at the present time, be effectual in restoring them to the unity of Friends.

But may we not hope as patience is abode in, that under the hand of Him whose power only is sufficient, in great mercy to this backsliding people He shall visit them and convince them of the error of their ways, and that they shall yet again incline unto Him, who desires not the destruction of any, but that all may return, repent and live.

On behalf of the committee
Newport 6th Mo. 18th 1846.
John Milbur
Elizabeth Hill.

which has been read and is satisfactory to this Meeting; and believing that good may result from the appointment of a similar Committee at this time, we have concluded to appoint Mary Page, Mary Mary, Habetable Meader, Lydia Milbur, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Davis, Mary Ann Taber, Ruth Chace, Sarah S. Paddock,

Elizabeth R. Nichols, Mary Buffinton, Asenath Buffinton, Phoebe Foster, Sylvia R. Wilbur, Lucretia Tucker, Lois S. Ives, Ruth W. Baker and Mercy Lifford. to join with Men Friends in this important concern, and report their proceedings to this Meeting next year.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

We adjourn, to meet again pursuant to the adjournment of our Men Friends.

Afternoon — Near the time adjourned to, friends again met, all the representatives present, who attended our first sitting, except two, who were excused by this Meeting on account of attending their own Monthly Meeting, which is very small.

Essays of epistles to London and Indiana have been produced and read at this sitting, and being united with, are directed to be signed and forwarded on behalf of this Meeting;

The Committee to whose care the disposition of the minutes from New York and North Carolina Yearly Meetings was referred report it as their judgment, that these minutes simply remain on file, without further notice.

The extracts from our minutes, directed to be prepared in the early part of this week, have been produced at this sitting; and being satisfactory to the Meeting, are directed to be sent down to our subordinate Meetings; and are as follows, viz: —

We have been again permitted, thro' the kindness of our Heavenly Father, to meet in this our annual assembly. We believe it has been a season in which many hearts have been drawn together, and united by the power of that Spirit, which gathers into the love and life of Truth — baptizing in the name of the Father and the Son: — and the evidence has been renewedly

afforded, that all those who are fed with the same spiritual food and refreshed from the same inexhaustible fountain, are made perfect in One: - that as there is but one Lord and one Faith, so there is but one effectual and saving Baptism and the living members of the true Church are hereby preserved in childlike obedience to their Lord, in the unity of the Faith, being baptised by the one Spirit into the one Body of which He remains to be the blessed and adorable Head.

On considering the state of Society, as brought to view by the answers to the Queries, much instructive counsel and advice have been tenderly imparted, particularly with respect to the attendance of our religious Meetings and a desire expressed, that Friends might not suffer little things to prevent them from assembling together in their little Meetings at home; and when thus gathered, become so careless and unconcerned, as to give way to sloth, and thereby bring a reproach on our profession.

We have also been reminded of the great responsibility which under the present trying circumstances rests upon our Society - that we have made ourselves conspicuous in the eyes of the world; and that only as we abide in an humble dependance on the great Head of the Church, can we walk circumspectly before men, showing by our lives and conversation, with a becoming gravity and seriousness of deportment, that we have been with Jesus, that we are governed by His Spirit, and are aiming at the promotion of His Cause in the Earth.

An affectionate solicitude was also expressed for those among us, to whom are entrusted the tender lambs of the flock, that they may seek to the alone Source of all good for help to enable them to bring such up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; carefully and faithfully restraining them from a conformity to the world and its vain fashions and customs, remembering that the future welfare of our Society very much depends on the rising generation, who ere long will be called to fill the places of those burden bearers, who we feel persuaded are now required, not

only to maintain, but in a peculiar manner, to suffer for the doctrines of the Gospel of Christ: but if they are made willing, patiently, to endure unto the end, these afflictions will work for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Truly the witness in many hearts, has been reached, and we have been favoured to sit together as in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus, being baptised into a precious oneness of Spirit and united in a harmonious exercise for the welfare of the body: - and it is our earnest desire that we may all continue steadfast in the Faith, growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ until we come to a perfect stature in Him.

We have received memorials from Swansea Monthly Meeting concerning our dear deceased friends Benjamin Buffinton and Ruth Buffinton which being read, were satisfactory to the Meeting.

Essays of epistles to the several Yearly Meetings on this Continent, and to those of London and Dublin have been prepared, and being approved by this Meeting, were directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded.

Men friends inform that they have granted to the Quarterly Meetings the same privilege as last year, in regard to changing the time and place of holding them as circumstances may appear to render such change necessary, with which this Meeting unites and they are requested to report such change if any be made in their accounts to this Meeting next year.

We have been favoured through the several sittings of this Meeting, to transact the business which has come before us, in harmony and under the precious covering, vouchsafed to us at this time, we conclude.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Martha L. Gould. Clerk.

During the several sittings of this, our annual solemnity, evidence has been afforded, that He who is the Crown of all rightly gathered assemblies, has not been unmindful of us; but through adorable mercy has enabled us to transact the affairs of the Church in that spirit of harmony and concord which is ever essential to a right performance of these important duties: under a grateful sense of which we conclude - purposing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Martha L. Gould. Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held in Rhode Island, beginning with Public Meetings for worship on Tuesday the 1st day of 5th month 1847, and on second day morning the 2nd for discipline.

Accounts have been received from Rhode Island Salem Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings - by which it appears that the friends appointed as representatives to this Meeting are, from Rhode Island Lydia Milbur, Mary Bupperton, Lydia Ann Gould, Eunice Foster, Mary E. Kenyon, Patience Chase, Catharine Mitchell and Sarah E. Kenyon; - from Salem Elizabeth H. Nichols, Golly Buffon and Lois H. Lee; - from Sandwich Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary Barnard, Mary Ann Fisher, Mary Davis, Percy Clifford, Sylvia W. Milbur and Abigail C. Lee; - from Dover Elizabeth Hill, Perce A. Mussey, Abigail H. Weaver and Huldah G. Varney, whose names being called they are all present except 5 who were prevented by indisposition.

No account has been received at this time from either Falmouth, Smithfield, Passatough or Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

By the accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings we are informed that Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Lois H. Lee - also by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in disapproving the public appearances in the ministry of Hannah Hale, and in the appointment of Lydia P. Milbur to the station of Elder; - by Dover Quarterly Meeting that it has united with Norwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mary G. Varney; - and that in accordance with the liberty granted, that Quarterly Meeting has been held at North Berwick, instead of Sandwich, Rockport

and Dover as heretofore.

The Meeting adjourns to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Friends assembled about the 4th hour.

Mary Buffinton on behalf of the representatives reported that they had been together and were united in proposing the name of Martha S. Lydell for Clerk and Mary Ann Stiles for assistant Clerk: which being approved by this Meeting they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The queries with answers there to from Providence, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings, have been read at this time, and the state of Society as presented by the answers to the queries being under consideration, much tender counsel has been imparted in regard to the due attendance of our religious Meetings and the maintenance of a right exercise of mind therein.

We have been feelingly cautioned against neglecting this important Christian duty, or when assembled giving way to a lukewarm disposition and so being overcome with drowsiness, a temptation of the unwearied enemy (who is continually seeking to ensnare the unwary) to which some are peculiarly exposed.

The following summary of the answers to the Queries is directed to be recorded, Vers

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been kept up, and generally attended by those who have not seceded from us, with the exception in one Quarter of one small Meeting, which it is stated in the report had not always been sustained by the women: — The report from another Quarterly Meeting states that in consequence of a storm, one instance has occurred of women

Friends being prevented from attending one of their Meetings the hour is nearly observed and Friends are mostly preserved from sleeping; - clear of other unbecoming behaviour.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity appear to be maintained by those who hold to the ancient Principles of Friends; and distraction is guarded against by such. No differences are reported except with those who have separated themselves from us on which account some care appears to have been taken.

Ans. 3rd. Most Friends evince a concern to bring up their children and those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparall - also to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation - they are generally exemplary themselves in these respects: - and the Holy scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th. Friends appear careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes and to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort. Moderation and temperance appear to be observed on the occasions referred to.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor, and such as appear likely to need assistance are inspected and their necessities relieved - their children partake of learning - none are reported as being placed out, from among friends.

Ans. 6th. Friends are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage, be conformable to our Discipline.

Ans. 7th. Our testimony against the payment of Bristwages appears to be faithfully maintained - no exception is reported as it respects the other requisitions of this Query.

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Ans. 8th. It appears that Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts — that they are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts: and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th. Marriage certificates are duly recorded — births, deaths and burials, mostly some exception is noticed in one of the reports with regard to removals without certificates — in which respect another report says that some care has been taken; and the same Quarterly Meeting adds that their records are attended to as fully as circumstances will admit.

Ans. 10th. Although one report notices some deficiency with regard to labours, yet by the accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings it appears that a good degree of care has been generally taken to deal with offences in the spirit and manner required by the Query, and to place judgment when it has appeared necessary in the authority of Truth according to our discipline.

Men Friends inform that they had been introduced into a feeling of deep concern for the welfare and preservation of our religious Society upon its original ground, and the propriety of addressing an Epistle to those making profession with Friends wherever scattered, who are sincerely concerned and engaged for the maintenance of our ancient principles and testimonies, had been proposed with a view to their encouragement in a faithful adherence to the truth and for the fuller information of such with regard to the causes which have produced a division amongst us; and that the proposition had obtained the solid consideration of the Meeting and

resulted in the appointment of a committee to take the subject into serious consideration. This Meeting unites themselves and appoints Mary Davis, Mary Buffinton, Elizabeth Hill, Mary May, Fiebe Foster, Mary Page, Lois J. Ames, Mary Barnard, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Huldah G. Vorney, Ruth Chace and Sylvia P. Wilbur to join them in the service, and they are requested to lay the result of their deliberation upon it, before a future sitting of this Meeting. To the above named committee is also referred the subject of our correspondence with other Yearly Meetings.

The Meeting adjourns to meet again at the 10th hour tomorrow morning.

15th of the month and 3rd of the week — friends met about the 10th hour.

The Clerks of this Meeting, are directed to collect some of the exercises thereof, and prepare suitable extracts from the minutes to be transmitted to our subsequent Meetings, and produce them at a future sitting.

This Meeting has been introduced into much exercise for the welfare of the members of our religious Society, and for the maintenance of our ancient Principles and Testimonies, which we as a people are still called upon to uphold; and earnest desires have been raised that such as have been favoured to stand faithful in the support of these — against the innovations which have been recently made within our borders, may continue to hold on their way and that increased watchfulness and circumspection may be observed by all our members, seeing that we are individually accountable for our stewardship and that the eyes of the world are upon us, in whose view we have made ourselves conspicuous, by the high profession

we are making. The close trials which have been allotted us, have been feelingly adverted to, and a concern has been expressed that these may have the effect designed of drawing us nearer to the source and fountain of divine consolation and saving help, that so our faith and confidence, being, from time to time renewed in Him who has thus far made a way for us, when there seemed to be no way, we may experience the blessing of preservation and establishment upon that foundation which standeth sure, Christ Jesus the Rock of Ages.

The youth have been earnestly and affectionately entreated, to submit to the Power of the Cross of Christ, by which they would be preserved from the contaminating influence of improper associations and being made willing to appear as fools for Christ and to follow the Beloved of souls in the way of the Cross, their hearts would be filled with the reward of that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

The meeting adjourns to the hour appointed by our men friends.

Afternoon Friends assembled near the 4th hour.

The records of the meeting for sufferings having been laid before us by our Men Friends were read at this sitting: - the attention which has been given by that Body to the welfare of the Society, and the concern manifested for the faithful maintenance of our Ancient Principles and Testimonies, have been truly satisfactory and encouraging to this Meeting.

The meeting adjourns to meet again as men Friends may appoint.

4th day, Morning, ^{the} 10th at the 10th hour Friends again met.

Men Friends inform that they have appointed a committee to take into consideration the difficulties which have occurred since the separation in regard to our members regularly proceeding in marriage with persons residing beyond the limits of this assembly; in order if way should open for it, to produce, at a future sitting, a minute making provision for such cases as now exist or may hereafter occur. The subject has claimed our serious consideration and we have concluded to appoint the following Friends to unite with them herein and report to a future sitting, of this meeting. viz: Mary Davis, Mary Macy, Elizabeth Allen, Ruth Chase, Eliza C. Coffin, and Mary Buffinton.

The meeting adjourns to four o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon: near the fourth hour the meeting gathered.

The joint committee of men and women Friends appointed to prepare an Epistle to those making profession with Friends, who are sincerely concerned for the maintenance of our ancient Principles and Testimonies, introduced an essay at this time which had been approved by Men's Meeting, and being read and deliberately considered it is feeling united ^{with} by this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.

We have received an Epistle addressed to this Yearly Meeting, from our beloved Friend Esther Austin of Westbrook, in the State of Maine, which has been read at this time to the comfort and encouragement of many minds: and it is directed to be recorded, and that copies thereof be sent down to subordinate Meetings. It is as follows: viz.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.
Dearly Beloveds.

My soul breathes unto the Fountain for

your preservation in the unchangable Truth, as well as for myself that you may be strengthened to persevere on your way. Give not back; for it is those that continue firm unto the end, that shall receive the Crown—even that crown that never can fade away.

Keep all your meetings in the Power of God; and witness that to be over all! Be not dismayed at the smallness of your number, although it be reduced as Gideon's of old: for He is an all-powerful Captain, who never was foiled in battle, nor beaten in the field, and who brings all off conquerors that faithfully follow Him. Those that are willing to suffer with Him and to be reproached for His name sake, when He reigns, shall also reign with Him; for where He is, says He, there shall also my servant be. The servant is not greater than his Lord, neither is he that is sent greater than He that sent him. If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call those of his household. Therefore take courage.

May we abide in Him the true and living vine. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in me; for without me ye can do nothing. And may we so abide in Him that we may be enabled to discern all the stratagems of the enemy in his transformed appearances, that every thing may be removed that is not of His own begetting, that has crept in amongst us. That the Church may again stand forth in its ancient splendour, and be seen coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her Beloved, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.—that there be no dimitting of the Truth.

Remember Gideon's company was a tried company; yet we see how the Lord did magnify his Power and His mighty Arm in putting the host of the Midianites to flight.

may the Lord vouchsafe of His living presence amongst you in this your annual Assembly that all may be done to His glory and to the honour of His great name. If any man speak let him speak as the oracle of God - if any man minister let him do it of the ability that God giveth.

Finally, My Friends, Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might; put on the whole armour, and take the sword of the spirit, that you may be enabled to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. So breathes your absent sister - though absent in body, yet present in spirit.

(signed) Esther Austin.

M Westbrook, Maine. 6th month 11th 1847.

The meeting adjourns to the third hour tomorrow afternoon.

Eight of the week and 17th of the month - about the Third hour the meeting gathered.

The committee of men and women Friends appointed last year to have the charge of our boarding School at Providence produced the following report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting; and Samuel Buffinton, Henry Tappan, Thos. Wadsworth, Ward Barnard, Chas. Sanborn, Chas. Buffinton, Geo. Gardner, Mary S. Mitchell, Huldah D. Barney and Elizabeth Hill are appointed to have charge of that Institution for the ensuing year, so as till another appointment and are desired to report to this Meeting next year.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The committee appointed at our last yearly Meeting, to have charge of the Boarding School at Providence, report that as the funds of the Institution, and the contrall of the school, are in the hands of those who have separated themselves from Friends, and all access to the property having been withheld from us, no opportunity has presented for us to exercise any contrall over the Institution.

Which we submit to the Meeting; James Austin. Clerk.
Newport. 6th month 16th 1847.

The committee appointed last year to visit Subordinate Meetings, produced the following report, which is accepted;— and Falmouth, Smithfield, Massabesic and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings still continuing to report their state to this Meeting;— and being informed that our Men's Meeting had continued the friends now under appointment, to extend care to these and other Subordinate Meetings as desired by Minute of last year, we unite therewith and reappoint Mary Page, Mary Macy, Elizabeth Hill, Henry Davis, Ruth Chase, Mary Ann Tice, Elizabeth D. Nichols, Mary Buffinton, Asenath Buffinton, Thebe Foster, Sylvia B. Wilbur, Lois S. Lues and Mercy Clifford to join them in the service, and report to this Meeting next year. —

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The committee appointed to visit Subordinate Meetings Report that some of their number have attended Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings and rendered such advice and assistance, as in the present stripped condition of those Meetings, appeared to be required, and they enabled to impart, to a good degree of satisfaction.

Circumstances have been such, that the committee have not attended Falmouth, Smithfield, Massabesic or Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

Report of committee
John Wilbur — On behalf of
Mary Page, the committee.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting, to unite with Men Friends in the consideration of the existing difficulties in the Society in the way of regular proceedings in marriage, consequent on the present unsettled state of things therein, produced the following minutes and having received information that our Men's Meeting had adopted it and directed it to be recorded and trans-

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mitted to these Quarterly and Monthly meetings and
acknowledged their Subordination to this Meeting
we unite therewith and direct the same disposition
of the minute. It is as follows:

It is the conclusion of this Meeting that
when cases occur of proposals for mem-
bership by persons residing without the limits of this Yearly
Meeting, where there has been no separation, that a solemn
certificate from our friends and members
within the limits of such Yearly Meeting,
if there is, be received in the same manner, and for
the same purpose as certificates have heretofore
been received from mentioned Meetings.

The Meeting adjourned to the ninth hour tomorrow morning
Sixth day Morning the 18th of the month. At the time
adjourned to the Meeting gathered. The representatives
who were with us at the first sitting, are all present.

Essays of Epistles to the yearly meetings of
Philadelphia and Ohio, have been produced and read
at this sitting, and being satisfactory to this Meeting
are directed to be signed by the Clerk on its behalf, and
forwarded.

Extracts from our minutes embracing some of the
exercises of this Meeting, having been prepared, were
produced and read at this time - and being satisfactory
were directed to be transcribed, signed by the Clerk, and
forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

In this Yearly Meeting,
we have been favoured to feel the good presence of the

Shepherd of Israel, strengthening and encouraging us, under our various trials - uniting our hearts to Him, and one unto another, and enabling us to rejoice in that we have been permitted to suffer for His sake, who remains to be the alone Helper of His people.

With feelings of reverent thankfulness to Him who has mercifully enabled us to conduct the concerns of Society which have come before us, in condescension towards each other, and as we humbly trust, in a measure of that Spirit, by which the body is edified together in Love - we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island, in the sixth month next if the Lord permit.

Martha S. Gould. Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held in Rhode Island, beginning with public Meetings for worship at Newport on First day the 1st of Sixth Month 1848 and on second day morning the 12th for discipline.

Accounts are received from Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings by which it appears that the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are, from Rhode Island These Foster Mary Buffinton, Jane E. Chase, Sarah S. Mayson, Eunice Foster Lydia Milbur Hannah Call, Susan M. Buffinton and Martha Gould; from Salem Elizabeth R. Nichols, Mary Page, and Eliza P. Buffum; from Sandwich Judith Swift Mary Macy, Abetable Cady, Ruth C. Baker, Mary Paddock, Mary Davis, and Sylvia T. Milbur; — From Dover Elizabeth Hill, Peace H. Tasssey, These Meader and Abetable Meader. whose names being called they are all present except one, who was prevented by indisposition.

No account has been received at this time from either Falmouth, Smithfield, Passabrough or Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings, acknowledge the reception of the extracts from our minutes which were directed to be forwarded thereby this meeting; and it also appears that these Quarterly Meetings have respectively been held at the same times and places as last year, excepting Rhode Island and Salem Quarters the former having been held in the second month at North Providence and the latter in the fifth month at Salem.

The subject of our correspondence

with other Yearly Meetings of Friends coming again before us at this time - after a season of weighty deliberation, it is concluded that the further consideration of the subject be referred to a committee: where upon Elizabeth Hill, Judith Swift, Mary Page, Mary Buffinton, Mary Davis, Rachel Gardner, Mary Macy, Sylvia R. Wilbur, Phoebe Meader, Anna E. Chase, Phoebe Foster and Lydia Wilbur are appointed and requested to report their judgment to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to the hour appointed by Men Friends.

Afternoon - near the fourth hour Friends again met.

Mary Buffinton on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had been together and were united in proposing the names of Martha L. Gould for Clerk and Judith Swift for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting: which proposition being approved, they are respectively appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The queries with answers thereto from Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarters have been read at this time and Phoebe Foster, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Buffinton and Elizabeth A. Hussey and Mary Meader are appointed to assist the Clerks in preparing a summary of the answers to be read at a future sitting of this Meeting.

The state of Society being introduced by the reading of the queries, with the answers

Here, received from the Quarterly Meetings, much instruction
 counsel has been imparted — a lively concern having been
 felt and expressed, that Friends individually may be more
 and more engaged for the maintenance of all our precious
 testimonies: The deficiencies reported in some of the answers
 with regard to the support of these, have been feelingly ad-
 dressed, and friends were tenderly exhorted to faithfulness in the
 performance of those duties, which are not only essential
 to the well-being of Society, but to an individual advance-
 ment in religious experience and usefulness.

We were reminded that as the love of the Father is shed
 abroad in our hearts by His Spirit, which He hath given
 us, and we come to love Him supremely, we shall be favour-
 ed to experience the fulfilment of that emphatic declaration
 of holy writ, "If ye love me, keep my commandments
 so shall ye abide in my love, even as I have kept my
 Father's commandments, and abide in His love".
 Love is the badge of true discipleship — as said our
 blessed Redeemer, "By this shall all men know that ye
 are my disciples, if ye have love one unto another."
 And if we through the prevalence of our Heavenly Father's
 love, are brought to yield obedience to the reproofs of
 instruction, and to walk in the light, as He is the light,
 we shall be preserved a living people; and so our com-
 munion, through adorable mercy, being with the Father
 and with the Son, we shall have true gospel fellowship
 one with another, and be favoured to experience the
 unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. — Were we
 thus livingly engaged to acknowledge the Lord in all
 our ways, and to wait for His unerring direction, who
 hath mercifully promised, "I will guide thee with mine
 eye," the Standard of Truth would be erected in the sight
 of the people, in such a manner, as to cause them to rally there-
 unto, as does to the windows of the ark of the Lord's testimony

every unsanctified finger which might be raised un-
 - bidden to steady the same, would be restrained, and we
 should experience a growth and stability in the Truth -
 advancing step by step towards an establishment therein
 untill that gracious and consoling promise is abun-
 - dantly verified, "It will make an everlasting Covenant
 with you, even the sure mercies of David."

Adjourned to the Tenth hour tomorrow morning.

Third of the week, and 13th of the month. Near the time
 adjourned to, the meeting gathered.

The Clerks are directed to make
 suitable extracts from our minutes, embracing some of
 the exercises of this meeting, to be transmitted to our subor-
 - dinate meetings, and produce them at a future sitting.

We have received information from Men's Meeting
 that they have concluded, with our concurrence, to
 grant the request of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
 for liberty to hold that meeting in future, at the usual time
 in the second month, at North Providence instead of
 Providence as heretofore; and the subject having
 claimed our deliberate consideration, we unite
 with them therein.

Men friends also inform, that under a consideration
 of the difficulties and inconveniences to which friends
 in divers places, are still subjected, in consequence of
 the late separation, with regard to holding our religious
 meetings, they have again concluded to extend the liberty her-
 tofore granted to the several Quarterly Meetings, to meet accor-
 - ding to the present arrangement for another year; or if from
 the circumstances stated it shall appear to them neces-

easy to change the times or places of assembling, they, as a
 left at liberty to do so; and are requested to report such changes,
 if any, to this Meeting next year: with which we unite, and
 the Clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meeting
 with a copy of this minute.

We have received information from men friends
 that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting had united with Man-
 tucket Monthly Meeting, in approving the gift and public
 appearances in the ministry of Christopher C. Hussey.

The meeting adjourned to the hour appointed by Men friends.

Afternoon. — About the 4th hour Friends again met.

The committee appointed to assist the Clerks in
 preparing a summary of the answers to the queries, produced
 one at this time which being read and proving satisfactory
 to this Meeting is directed to be recorded. They are as follows.

Summary

Ans. 1st. It appears that all our Meetings, both for
 worship and discipline have been duly attended with
 a few exceptions in two of the Quarterly Meetings with regard
 to those for worship; one of which occurred during the
 sitting of the Yearly Meeting, and in consequence thereof
 the same report states that another very small Meeting
 within its limits, has not always been attended by women
 friends. In the report from the other Quarterly Meeting
 one exception is made on account of the inclemency
 of the weather. The hour is generally observed. Friends
 are mostly preserved from sleeping, and of other unbecom-
 ing behaviour clear.

Ans. 2^d. Love and Unity, appear to be in a good degree maintained, and dissension mostly guarded against when differences arise, endeavours are used speedily to end them.

Ans. 3^d. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel - to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are mostly exemplary herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th. Friends appear careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine - the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort - and to observe moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning. None are reported as being pleased from among Friends.

Ans. 6th. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage, be conformable to our discipline.

Ans. 7th. Friends appear to be concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully against the payment of Priests wages and in regard to the several parts of this query;

Ans. 8th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - to observe

punctuality to their promises — justice in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th. It appears that friends are careful as to their records — some removals — some removals without certificates are reported, which are under notice.

Ans. 10th. Care appears to be generally taken to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to hear judgement when necessary according to our discipline.

The records of the meeting for suffering which were laid before us by men friends, have been read at this time; and the care manifested by that body for the welfare of society was satisfactory to this meeting.

Adjourned — to meet again pursuant to the adjournment of Men friends.

Fourteenth of the month and fourth of the week — about the tenth hour friends again assembled.

From Men Friends we have received memorials of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, concerning our beloved friends James Tucker and his wife Sarah Tucker both deceased, which have been read and are respectively satisfactory to this meeting.

The joint committee appointed last year to have charge of our Boarding School at Providence, produced the following report, which was acceptable to the meeting, and being informed that men friends had continued the same committee in charge of that institution, we unite therewith and appoint Asenath Buffinton, Mary Page, Phoebe Foster, Mary Barnard, Mary Ann Taber, Mary Buffinton

Mary Gardner, Mary G. Kitchen, Huldah G. Barney and Elisabeth Hill to that service. The report is as follows,

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting
The Committee appointed to have charge of the
Boarding School at Providence report that as the
Institution together with its funds still remains un-
der the control of those who have separated from
Friends, way has not opened for us to take any part
in its concerns during the past year

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

Jonathan Nichols

Mary Buffinton

Newport. 6th Mo. 13th 1848.

Adjourned to Four o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - Friends assembled about the Fourth hour

The joint committee of men and women
Friends appointed last year to visit subordinate
Meetings produced the following report which is sat-
isfactory to this meeting, &c.

To the Yearly Meeting, now sitting
The Committee appointed last year to visit, and extend
such advice to subordinate Meetings as might appear
necessary; and also if way opened for it, to visit those
Quarterly Meetings, within the limits of this Yearly Meeting,
which have not acknowledged their subordination to us,
report that they have attended to the object of their
appointment so far as to visit the Quarterly Meetings, which
have been sustained in subordination to the Yearly Meet-
-ing, to good satisfaction; but ^{the} way has not appeared to
open to extend any care to that of Smithfield, Falmouth,
and a borough in Fairfield during the past year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

Peleg Mitchell

Mary Macy

Newport. 14th of 6th Mo. 1848.

and being informed that our Men's Meeting had concluded to release that committee and appoint another whose care should be limited to Falmouth, Smithfield, Passaborough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, and in a view of the situation of those meetings to labour for their help and restoration to right order and to a conformity with our ancient Principles and Testimonies, if way should appear to open for it, in the South, we unite therewith and appoint Mary Davis, Rachel Gardner, Elizabeth Hill, Charlotte Meader, Mary Macy, Mary Buffinton Walcott E. Barney and Sylvia P. Milbourn to join them in the service and they are requested to report next year, what course in their judgment it may be right for this Meeting, to pursue with regard to those Quarterly Meetings respectively; -

The Meeting adjourned to meet again pursuant to the adjournment of our Men's Meeting,

Fifth of the week and Fifteenth of the month - near the Third hour the Meeting gathered. The names of the representatives being called, those who were with us at our first sitting, are now present.

The committee appointed in the early part of this week to take into consideration the subject of our Correspondence with other Yearly Meetings report that they were united in judgment that it would be best to address an epistle to this Yearly Meeting, and this Meeting, concurring therein, they have produced an essay of an epistle to that yearly Meeting, at this time which being read and approved is directed to be signed by the Clerk on behalf of this Meeting and forwarded.

Under a grateful sense of the continuation of our Heavenly Father's love, who has been mercifully pleased to enable us, to transact the important concerns of society, in a spirit becoming our Christian profession, we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island in the 6th month next, if the Lord permit.

Martha J. Gould. Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, beginning with public Meetings for worship at Newport on First day the 10th of 6th Month 1849, and on Second day Morning the 11th for discipline

We have received accounts from Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings; by which it appears that the representatives to this Meeting, are, from Rhode Island Mary Buffinton, Phebe Foster, Patience Chase, Anna E. Chase, Lydia Milbur Catharine K. Boyd, Mary Buffinton 2nd. Mary E. Kenyon Isabel Chase, and Martha S. Gould: - from Salem Elizabeth R. Nichols, and Mary Page: - from Sandwich Elisa Ann Easton, Lucretia Tucker, Sylvia R. Milbur Mary Paddock, Ruth Baker, Rachel Gardner, Mabletable Eddy, and Mary Davis: - from Dover Elizabeth Hill, Phebe Meader, Peace N. Hussey, and Huldah D. Varney whose names being called, they are all present excepting one.

We have received no accounts from Falmouth, Smithfield, Wassalborough or Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

We are informed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, that it has united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Phebe Foster. By Salem that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George F. Reed to the station of Elder: - By Sandwich that it has united with Wampanoag Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Barnard to the station of Elder; and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Job Eddy to the same station; and Dover Quarterly Meeting informs that in the 8th Month last it united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearance in the

Ministry of Elizabeth Hill; and in the 1st Month following it also united with the same Monthly Meeting in approving the public Ministry of Timothy Vanney.

We are also informed that Rhode Island Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings have received and read the Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting's Minutes and directed the same to be recorded.

Having, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend Joseph Tripp, a satisfactory Minute of Hecston Monthly Meeting, in the State of New York held 5th Month 9th 1849 expressive of their unity with his Ministry and present religious engagements, has been read at this time.

The subject of our correspondence with other Yearly Meetings coming before us at this time, the Meeting was united in the conclusion that it would be best to appoint a committee to take the matter into consideration and report to a future sitting of this Meeting; - Whereupon Lydia Milbur Elizabeth Hill, Mary Davis, Mary Buffinton Mary Page, Phoebe Foster, Sylvia R. Milbur and Mary Macy are appointed to that service.

Adjourned, to meet pursuant to the adjournment of Men Friends.

Afternoon about the 4th hour friends again met.

Mary Page on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had been together and were united in proposing the names of Martha T. Gould for Clerk and Anna E. Chace for assistant Clerk. The nomination being united with

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by this Meeting, they are accordingly appointed to these services for the ensuing year.

A minute of the last Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Philadelphia, adopting a Report of their Meeting for Sufferings in relation to the division which has taken place within our limits and directing the same to be laid before this Yearly Meeting, has been produced by Men friends and read at this time as far as the 36th page inclusive; and believing it would be best to defer the consideration of the remaining portion of the document to a future sitting, the Meeting adjourned to the hour which our Men Friends may appoint.

Third day Morning 12th of the month about the tenth hour the Meeting gathered.

We have at this time read the remainder of the document received from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which being deliberately considered, was satisfactory to us and the further consideration and disposition of the subject is referred to Men Friends.

The Meeting entered upon the consideration of the State of Society, by reading the queries with the answers thereto, received from Rhode Island Salem Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings from which the following summary has been compiled, which being approved is directed to be recorded.

Summary.

Ans. 1st All our Meetings for worship and discipline appear to have been duly attended, except a few instances in one Quarterly Meeting, and one instance in another Quarter when a small Meeting for worship has not been sustained by women Friends. The hour nearly observed. Friends are generally preserved from sleeping and clear of other unbecomings,

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behaviour when assembled.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us, detraction is generally guarded against; when differences have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them.

Ans. 3rd. Friends appear to be mostly careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel - to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation and to be exemplary herein themselves. and the holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th. Friends are reported as being careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort; and to ^{keep} in moderation and temperance on the occasions queried after.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor and such as need assistance are inspected and their necessities relieved - their children freely partake of learning; no Friends children placed from among friends.

Ans. 6th. Friends appear to be careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Ans. 7th. Our testimony against the payment of Priests wages appears to be faithfully maintained - Clear as regards the latter part of this query.

Ans. 8th. Careful in the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 9th. Careful as to recording, - some removals are reported without certificates which are under notice.

Ans. 10th. A good degree of care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders as required by our discipline although some delay is reported in several of the accounts, with regard to dealing with those who have separated themselves from our religious society, - when judgment has been passed it appears to have been done in conformity with the discipline.

The Meeting adjourns pursuant to the adjournment of Men Friends.

Afternoon - near the 4th hour Friends again met.

By our men Friends we have been furnished with the records of the Meeting for Sufferings which have been read and the concern manifested by that body, for the best interests of our religious society, is very satisfactory to this Meeting.

The Meeting, adjourns to the time appointed by Men's Meeting.

Fourth of the week and 12th of the month about the 10th hour Friends assembled.

It appeared by the records of the Meeting for Sufferings which were read yesterday afternoon that an appeal for the Ancient doctrines of our religious society issued by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting had been under consideration and united with by that body, and the Men's Meeting, having now proposed that the shutters should be raised in order that we might hear the same in conjunction with their Meeting, the proposition was united

with and the reading of the Appeal was entered upon and proceeded in as far as the 34th page inclusive; when the shutters were closed and the meeting soon after adjourned to the hour appointed by Men Friends.

Afternoon. Friends assembled about the 4th hour.

The shutters were again opened when the meeting was occupied in hearing the conclusion of the Appeal for the Ancient doctrines of our religious Society read — the shutters were then closed and being subsequently informed by Men Friends that it had been united with and adopted by their Meeting the subject claimed our serious and deliberate consideration, and we fully unite with them in the same conclusion.

Then adjourned to the time our Men friends may appoint.

Fifth day afternoon 14th of the Month. about the 4th hour the meeting gathered.

The joint Committee of Men & women Friends appointed last year to visit some of our subordinate Meetings produced the following report, which having been previously read and accepted by the Men's Meeting, has now been united with by this and the subject is accordingly referred for consideration to our next Yearly Meeting: Dix.

† To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

"The joint committee of men and women Friends, who
 "were appointed last year to extend such labor as may
 "might appear to open for in the Truth, to the Quarterly Meetings of Falmouth Smithfield Bassalborough and
 "Fairfield report that although the subject has claimed
 "their serious consideration from time to time; yet no

"way has appeared to open for any extension of labor; and the
 "committee are united in recommending, that the whole
 "subject be referred on the minutes for the consideration of
 "the meeting next year

On behalf of the committee

Prince Gardner

Sylvia R. Milburn.

Newport 6th mo. 13th 1849.

The committee appointed last year to have charge of our
 Boarding School at Providence produced the following
 report, with which we unite, and after due consideration of the
 subject have concluded in accordance with the decision of
 Men Friends, to continue the same committee to that service for
 the ensuing year. viz

+ "To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

The committee appointed last year to have the charge of
 our Boarding School at Providence have prepared the
 following report — The Institution and its funds being
 in possession of those who have separated themselves from
 our Society, way has not opened for us to exercise any control
 over either for the past year

On behalf of the committee

Iron Vanney

Newport 6th mo. 13 1849.

Mary Gardner

The Clerks are requested to endeavor to collect some of the
 exercises which have been expressed by concerned friends
 during their attendance of this meeting, to be entered on our
 minutes and transmitted in the form of extracts therefrom to
 our subordinate meetings.

The meeting adjourns to the hour appointed by our
 Men's Meeting

66 Sixth day of the week and 15th of the month - the meeting gathered about the 9th hour.

The names of the representatives being called they, are all present who were with us at our first sitting, excepting one who was prevented by indisposition.

The following minute, embracing some of the exercises of this meeting, having been produced and read at this time, was satisfactory, and is directed to be recorded; - the Clerk is also directed to extract and sign the same on our behalf, and transmit copies thereof to our subordinate Meetings.

Viz: -

During the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting, our minds have been introduced into a lively exercise for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in ourselves; - and the necessity of an unreserved submission to the humbling power of the Cross of Christ and of greater faithfulness to the inward manifestation of Divine Light and Grace has been weightily impressed upon us; that so we may be favoured to experience an individual growth and establishment in the Truth and receive a right qualification to promote the cause of righteousness in the earth.

We have been feelingly reminded that it was the everlasting Truth itself for which our worthy predecessors patiently endured long and cruel sufferings and the Principles and Testimonies which we profess, and are assuredly called upon to bear, have been transmitted unto us, through them, in all their fulness and excellency; - but it is only as we are led by the same unerring Spirit and strengthened by that divine power which sustained them under all their trials and gave them the

victory, that we can be enabled to maintain the same Principles with unclouded brightness and in undullied purity; and as we are livingly engaged to follow them as they followed Christ, altho' we may be tried as in the furnace of affliction, yet His humble and dependent Children in the present day, who abide in the patience and maintain the watch, will experience the fulfilment of the gracious promise "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"; and so continuing steadfast in that faith which giveth the victory, and overcometh the world, they will be brought forth as gold that has been tried in the fire.

Finally those whose eyes have been measurably opened to see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, but who through inattention to the light which maketh manifest have not fully submitted to the operations of that Power which cleanseeth from its defilement and changeth the corrupt propensities and fallen nature of the heart of man, have been encouraged to take His yoke upon them and learn of Him, who was meek and low of heart, that so they may find rest to their souls.

As this is our continued engagement, we shall be kindly affectioned one towards another, according to the Apostolic injunction - in honour preferring one another and so fulfil the law of Christ, instead of indulging in feelings at variance with that law and allowing ourselves to speak slightly one of another, we should witness the blessed effects of it, in setting us free from the law of sin and death and restoring righteousness and purity of heart: - then indeed shall we become one anothers helpers and joy in the Lord - a people zealous of good works and show forth the praise of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of our Correspondence with other Yearly Meetings, produced the following report, which being read is united with by this Meeting; viz:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee appointed at our first sitting, to take into consideration the subject of addressing other Yearly Meetings by way of Epistle report "that we have paid attention to the subject, and that in our view, no way has opened for such communication, which we submit to the Meeting;

On behalf of the Committee

Mary Buffinton

Having been favoured to transact the weighty concerns which have come before us in harmony and to bring them to a satisfactory result, we conclude - purposing to meet again in this Island in the sixth month next if consistent with the divine will

Martha L Gould. Clerk.

Our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island beginning with Public Meetings for worship on First day the 16th. of 6th month 1850. and on Second-day morning the 17th for discipline.

We have received accounts at this time from Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings; by which it appears that the representatives to this Meeting are from Rhode Island Lydia Wilbur, Isabella Sherman, Ruth Kenyon, Catharine Mitchell, Mary Buffinton Pna. Anna Edhace, Eliza Green, Mary Ekenyon, and Catharine Boyd; from Salem Polly Bufforn and Mary Mary Page; from Sandwich Judith Swift, Mary Gardner Mahetable Eddy, Mercy Lyfford, Mary Paddock Sylvia R. Wilbur and Mary Ann Taber - from Dover Elisabeth Hill, Anna Russey Mary Meader and Phebe Meader whose names being called, they are all present except one who was prevented by indisposition.

We have received no accounts at this time from Falmouth Smithfield Wassalborough or Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings inform that the extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read.

Dover Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Berwick Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of William Hill to the Station of Elder.

75 The subject of our correspondance with other
Yearly Meetings, having, claimed the serious
attention of Friends at this time; it is believed
that it would be best to appoint a committee to
take the subject under consideration and report
to a future sitting of this Meeting; — The following,
named Friends were accordingly, appointed to
that service; viz: Phebe Foster, Mary Davis,
Elisabeth Hill Mary Macy, Mary Buffinton,
Rachel Gardner Sylvia R. Wilbur and Mary Page.

We are informed by Men Friends that
the situation of Salmouth, Smithfield, Wassa-
—borough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, which
subject was referred on the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting
for consideration this year, had been feelingly
brought to view during their present sitting, in
connexion with those Quarterly Meetings having,
again withheld any account of their state from
this Meeting; and that after some time spent thereon
it was concluded to refer the whole subject to the
serious consideration of a joint committee of
men and women Friends (if way should open
for us to appoint one) and for them to report their
judgment in the case to a future sitting; — after a
time of weighty deliberation upon the subject
this Meeting unites with the proposition and appoints
Elisabeth Hill, Mary Macy, Mary Page, Sarah
Warney, Mary Mitchell, Mary Buffinton Sylvia
R. Wilbur, Mary Davis, Phebe Foster and Phebe
Meader to join Men Friends in the service.

The Meeting adjourns to 4 o'clock this
afternoon.

Afternoon - Friends assembled about the 4th hour.

Sylvia R. Milbur on behalf of the representatives informs this meeting that they had been together and were united in proposing the names of Martha L. Gould for Clerk to the meeting this year; and Anna E. Chase for assistant Clerk; which being satisfactory to the meeting; they are accordingly appointed to these services.

The state of society having been introduced by the reading of the queries with answers thereto from Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich & Dover Quarterly Meetings, the following Summary has been compiled therefrom, which being approved by this Meeting is directed to be recorded.

Summary.

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been kept up, excepting, that the reports from two of the Quarterly Meetings notice a few instances of a small meeting for worship in each being unattended by women. Those on First days appear to be attended by most Friends, but those in the middle of the week and for discipline not so well attended - the hour is mostly observed and Friends are generally preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behavior when assembled.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us. Detraction generally guarded against - when differences arise and become known, endeavours are used speedily to end them.

Ans 3rd. It appears that care rests on the minds of Friends, to bring up those under their care in

plainness of speech behaviour and apparel — to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and are generally exemplary herein themselves. The holy scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th. Friends appear to be careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors — the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort and to observe moderation and temperance on the account of marriages, burials and on other occasions.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance are inspected and relief afforded — their children freely partake of learning, to fit them for business and they and other friends children are placed among friends.

Ans 6th. It appears that Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Ans 7th. Friends appear to maintain a faithful testimony, against the payment of priests wages bearing arms training, or other military matters against being concerned in property taken in war — buying or vending goods suspected to be run and against making false entries to evade the payment of duties.

Ans. 8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts — they are

punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts; and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th. Marriage certificates duly recorded, births and deaths mostly; some removals without certificates which are under notice.

Ans. 10th. Some care has been taken to deal with offenders in a good degree according to the requisitions of the query; but we apprehend not in all cases so seasonably as would be best. When judgment has been passed we believe it has been according to discipline.

It having been thought best to collect some of the exercises of this Meeting, and make some extracts from the minutes to be transmitted to our subordinate Meetings if way should open for it, Mary I. Mitchell and Mary Meader are appointed to assist the Clerks in preparing them and produce them at a future sitting of this meeting.

The Meeting adjourns to the hour Men friends may appoint.

18th of the month and 3rd of the week - about the 10th hour friends again met.

The following report has been presented and read, from a joint committee of men and women friends appointed last year to have charge of our Boarding School at Providence; and although it appears therefrom that way has not opened for them to have any control or supervision of that institution for the past year; yet after a time of serious consideration

upon the subject, this Meeting unites with Men Friends in the conclusion that it will be best to continue the same Committee in charge of that Institution and they are requested to report to this Meeting next year:— 1852.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to have charge of the Boarding School at Providence, Report, "that as the funds of the Institution and the controll of the School continue to be in the hands of those who have separated themselves from Friends, and all access to the property having been withheld from us, no opportunity has presented to exercise any contrall over the Institution";— which we submit to the Meeting,

On behalf of the committee

Prince Gardner

Newport. 6th Mo. 18th 1850.

Isaiah Buffinton.

The Meeting adjourns to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—near the 5th hour Friends again assembled.

By Men Friends we have been furnished with the records of the Meeting for suffering; which have been read at this time to the satisfaction of the Meeting.

One of the Committee appointed at a former sitting of this Meeting to take into consideration the subject of our correspondence with other Yearly Meetings, reported: that they had duly

considered the subject and were united in judgment that nothing was required of us by way of communication with other Yearly Meetings at the present time, with which this Meeting fully unites.

The meeting adjourns to the 3rd hour tomorrow afternoon.

Fourth day afternoon 19th of the Month. Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the representatives being called they are all present who were with us at our first sitting;

At an early sitting of this Meeting, some friends were named to assist the Clerks in preparing some extracts from our Minutes and to collect some of the exercises of this Meeting, to be transmitted to our subordinate meetings; but upon conferring together they did not appear to open for such service at this time.

The Committee appointed on Second day morning, in consequence of the continued insubordination of Hallowell, Smithfield, Bassettboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings produced the following report which has been read — and being informed that Men Friends had concluded to accept the report and to refer the subject for the serious consideration of our next Yearly Meeting after a time of deliberation thereon this Meeting also unites therewith and the subject is accordingly referred and the Committee released from further service. Vir:—

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee to whom was referred for consideration the present standing of Falmouth Smithfield Massalborough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings having met together for that purpose, were introduced into deep feeling and exercise in view of the important subject for which they had convened; and while thus engaged, with earnest desires for right direction they were very nearly united in judgment that the present is not the right time to take further action in the case; but the belief was expressed that as Friends continue to dwell under the weight of the concern, that way will be made at some future time to move forward therein, and to bring the subject to a satisfactory conclusion. Which is submitted to the Y^r. Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee

Peleg Mitchell

Newport, 19th of 6th Mo. 1850.

Mary Macy.

With feelings of reverent thankfulness for the evidences afforded us at this time of the continuation of our heavenly Father's love and of the renewed extension of Holy help, whereby we have been enabled to transact the concerns of Society in a spirit of harmony and concord, we conclude promising to meet again on this Island in the 6th month next if the Lord permit.

Martha S. Gould. Clerk.

Our Yearly Meeting of women friends
for New England held at Newport on Rhode
Island, beginning with public meetings of
worship on First day the 15th of 6th month, 1851,
and on Second day morning the 16th for discipline.

We have received accounts at this time from
Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover
Quarterly Meetings, from which it appears that
the representatives to this meeting are from Rhode
Island: Mary Burdison, Lucia Wilbur, Anne
Ochare, Ruth Wood, Mary E. Kenyon, Eunice Foster,
Hannah Hall and Catharine Mitchell; from
Salem, Elizabeth R. Nichols, Lois S. Sves and Anna
Kusser; from Sandwich, Sylvia R. Wilbur, Mary
Paddock, Judith Swift, Mary Macy, Mary Ann
Tucker and Alice Wilbur; from Dover Phoebe Meader,
Elizabeth Will, Peace W. Kussey, and Huldrey D. Parry.
whose names being called they are all present ex-
cepting one, who was prevented by indisposition.

We have received no accounts at this time
from Taunton, Smithfield, Passaconaway or
Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

Taunton, Smithfield, Passaconaway and
Fairfield Quarterly Meetings having again with-
held their accounts from us, and having been informed
that men friends had appointed a Committee to
take the subject again under consideration and
report to a future sitting of this meeting, we unite there-
with, and appoint Mary Davis, Phoebe Foster, Mary
Burdison, Elizabeth Will, Sylvia R. Wilbur, Mary
Ann, Rachel Gardner, Peace W. Kussey, and
Lucia Wilbur, to join them in the service.

78 The Meeting adjourns at four o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon about the fourth hour friends again assembled.

Mary Paddock on behalf of the representatives reported, that they had been together and concluded to propose to this meeting the names of Martha S. Gould for Clerk, and Annie E. Chase for Assistant Clerk, which proposition being united with, they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Queries have all been read at this time with the answers received from West and Salem, Sandwich and Dover. Quarterly Meeting from which a summary has been compiled which is believed to be descriptive of our present state, and being approved by this meeting it is directed to be recorded. viz

Q^{ry} 1st Summary

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended by friends generally, except one preparative meeting which was attended only by one woman friend; two reports state, that owing to the inclemency of the weather and to feeble health, no woman friend was present at a few meetings for worship; the number of members in the two particular meetings named to being very small. The Power appears to be nearly obscured. Friends are generally preserved from sleeping. Clear of other unbecoming behavior.

Q^{ry} 2nd. Love and Unity appear in a good degree maintained, detraction generally guarded against, no differences are reported.

Ans 3rd. Most friends are careful to bring up their under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from Coarset Conversation, and are generally exemplary therein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

Ans 4th. Friends appear careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort, and to keep to the moderation and temperance on other occasions referred to in the Query.

Ans 5th. The Circumstances of the poor appear to be inspected and their necessities relieved, - Their Children partake of learning, none placed from among them.

Ans 6th. Parents and heads of families are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, yet there are some deviations in those respects noticed in the report from one Quarterly meeting, which are under care.

Ans 7th. Most friends are concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully against the payment of Priests wages, and no deficiency is reported with regard to the other subjects embraced in the Query.

Ans 8th. Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs, and to settle their accounts, - to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within of their circumstances.

Ans 9th. Care is as to records, several removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

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Ans 10th Some Care has been taken to deal
with offenders in the manner queried after, and
to place judgment when it appeared necessary, in the
authorities with acceding to discipline. But much
remissness in dealing with the schismatics is appar-
ent in most of the reports.

We are informed by men friends that
they have received communications from Salem
and Dover Quarterly meetings requesting to be
united under the title of Salem and Dover Quarterly
Meeting of Friends, and that they had appointed a
Committee to unite with a Committee of this meeting
(if war should open for such appointment) to take
the subject under consideration and report thereon
to a future sitting. — After deliberating upon the
subject, this meeting united therewith, and appointed,
Isabel Sherman, Judith Swift, Sarah Padlock, and
Ann Taber, Chary Davis, Sylvia R. Wilbur, and
Phoebe Foster to join them in the service.

The meeting adjourns to the hour appointed
by our men friends.

Third day morning 17th of the month,

The meeting
gathered about the tenth hour, and there being no
business produced by Committees under appoint-
ment or presented by mens meeting after sitting
instructively in a suitable time together it
was concluded to adjourn to the hour which
may be appointed by men friends.

Afternoon, Friends met pursuant to adjournment

By our men friends we have been furnished with
 the records of the meeting, the sufferings which have been
 read at this time, and the cure manifested by that body
 for the welfare of our society, and the promotion of its
 testimonies and doctrines, is satisfactory
 to the minds of friends.

The Committee appointed in consequence of the
 continued insubordination of Falmouth, Smithfield
 Fairfield and Passaborough Quarterly Meetings, produced
 the following report, which has been read and accepted,
 and after a season of serious deliberation upon the subject
 it is concluded to unite with men friends, in referring the
 further consideration of the case to our next yearly meeting
 under care of the same Committee, and they are requested
 to report to this meeting next year.

To the yearly meeting now sitting.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration
 the continued affecting situation of Falmouth, Smithfield
 Passaborough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, Report
 that they have had that subject under their serious
 deliberation, and that way has not appeared to open for
 proceeding to any measures therein at this time. But
 we have concluded to recommend that the further con-
 sideration of the subject be referred to our next yearly
 meeting under the care of a Committee.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by
 Newport - 5 Mo, 17th 1851.

Job Eddy
 Henry Buffinton.

The Meeting adjourns to the hour appointed by
 men friends.

Fourth day morning 18th of the month, friends met about the eleventh hour.

The joint-Committee appointed to have charge of our Boarding School at Providence, produced the following Report.

The Committee appointed at our last yearly meeting to have charge of our Boarding School at Providence, report that they have paid some attention to the object of their appointment, - but as the institution and its funds still remain in the hands of those who have separated themselves from us, no way has opened for any action in regard to it.

Which is submitted to the meeting on behalf of the Committee, 17th of 6 month 1851.

Palmer E. Chan
C. Smith Butrinton

Which report has been read and accepted and it is the conclusion of this meeting to continue the same Committee now under appointment - in charge of that Institution, although way has not opened for them to accomplish the object in which they were appointed, and they are requested to report to this meeting next year.

The joint Committee appointed to take into consideration the request from Salem and Dover Quarterly meetings, have produced the following report which has been read and is satisfactory to this meeting, and having been informed that those friends had concluded to grant the request we unite therewith, and these two Quarterly meetings are accordingly united under the title of Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of friends to be held alternately as follows, ^{viz} on the fourth

Fifth day of the eighth, and first month at North Berwick, and on the fourth fifth day in the fifth month at Laken, and on the fourth fifth day in the tenth month at Lynn; and this meeting directs that the junction and two meetings take place in the tenth month at Lynn.

The names of the representatives being again called, they are all present - who were with us at our first sitting, excepting one who was prevented by indisposition from attending at this time.

(Under a grateful sense of the condescending goodness of Him who has promised to be strength in weakness, riches in poverty and a present Helper in the needful time, whereby we have been enabled to transact the concerns of society, we trust in a spirit becoming our Christian profession, and to bring them to a satisfactory result, we conclude, proposing to meet again in this place in the sixth month next if the Lord permit.

At our Yearly Meeting of remembrance
for New England held ^{at Newport} on Rhode Island, com-
mencing with public meetings for worship on
first day the 13th of the 6th month 1852. and on
second day morning the 14th for Discipline.

Accounts are received at this time from Rhode
Island, Salem & Dover, and from Sandwich Quar-
terly Meetings to which it appears the representa-
tives to this meeting are from Rhode Island, Hannah
Buffinton Ruth Wood, Phebe Foster Catharine H.
Boyd, Ruth Kenyon, Mary E. Kenyon Elizabeth Perry
Hannah Hall, and Lydia Wilbur, from Salem
& Dover, Elizabeth Hill, Mary H. Meader, Lois
S. Gros, Sally Buffum, and Mary Page, from
Sandwich Rachel Gardner Sylvia R. Wilbur
Lydia W. Coleman, Mary Ann Taber, Judith Swift,
Phebe Folger, and Mary Davis, whose names being
called are all present except four who were pre-
vented by indisposition.

We have received no account at this time
from Falmouth, Smithfield, Dussabrough or
Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that
it has united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting
in the appointment of Eliza C. Coffin to the station
of Elder.

This meeting adjourns to the power
our friends may appoint.

86 Afternoon, about the fourth hour friends again met.

Mary Davis on behalf of the representatives informed, that they had met together for the purpose of agreeing upon the names of suitable friends to serve this meeting as clerk and assistant, and that they were united in proposing Martha S Gould for clerk and Mary S Mitchell for assistant clerk, and the nomination being approved by this meeting, they are accordingly appointed to these services for the year ensuing.

The Queries have all been read at this time, with the answers received from Rhode Island, Salem & Dover and Sandwich Quarterly meetings, from which the following summary has been compiled, which being considered descriptive of our present state and approved by this meeting, is directed to be recorded, viz.

Summary.

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except a few instances in one small meeting at which no women Friends were present on account of the inclemency of the weather; altho' a neglect in the attendance of mid-week meetings is apparent in some. The hour is mostly observed, nearly clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behavior when assembled.

Ans 2^d. Love and unity are maintained among Friends, and Intraction guarded against. No differences are reported.

Ans 3^d Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, to restrain them from unprofitable reading and from the conversation of the world, and are generally exemplary in themselves. It appears that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th Friends are generally careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and to guard against the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in true moderation and temperance on account of births, marriages and on other occasions.

Ans. 5th The Circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning. None placed from among friends.

Ans 6th Parents and Heads of families with most of the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage, are conformable to discipline. Yet there has been one instance of keeping company and marrying contrary thereto, which is reported as being under notice.

Ans 7th Friends appear concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully against the payment of Priests wages, and in regard to the several subjects embraced in the latter part of this query.

Ans 8th Friends appear to be careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. To be punctual to their promises, and just in

the payment of their debts; and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

On the 9th Care appears to be taken that all marriages, births, deaths and burials are duly recorded. Some removals without certificates are reported as being under notice.

On the 10th Some care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to place judgment - when it has appeared necessary, according to discipline.

We have been furnished at this time by men friends with the records of the meeting for Sufferers, including a petition to Congress drawn up by that body for the repeal of the fugitive slave law, which with the general care manifested for the welfare of our Society is very satisfactory to this meeting.

The meeting adjourns to the eleventh hour tomorrow morning.

3^d of the week, and 15th of the month about the time adjourned to friends again assembled.

From men friends we have received a testimony of Dartmouth monthly meeting concerning our dear deceased friend Seth Davis, which having been read at this time was truly instructive and satisfactory to this meeting.

The joint-Committee of men and women friends, appointed in consequence of the continued insubordination of Falmouth, Smithfield, Fairfield and Vassalborough Quarterly meetings produced the

following report which has been read, and having been informed that men friends had concluded to refer the subject under care of the same Committee to our next Yearly Meeting, we unite with them in this disposition of the case. and the friends now under appointment on the part of this meeting are accordingly continued, and desired to unite with men friends in reporting their judgment in the case, to our next yearly meeting, viz: Mary Davis, Phoebe Foster, Mary Buffinton, Elizabeth Will, Maria R. Wilbur, Mary Macy, Rachel Gardner, Pease & Mussey, and Asenath Buffinton.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the situation of Falmouth, Smithfield, Vassalborough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings which still continue to neglect to render any account of their State to the Yearly Meeting, Report that they have taken this trying subject into deliberate consideration, which has resulted in the Conclusion to recommend to the Yearly Meeting that it be continued for another year under the care of a Committee.

Signed on behalf
of the Committee by }

John Eddy
Mary Macy.

Newport 6 mo 15. 1852.

The meeting adjourns to the hour our men friends may appoint.

After noon. assembled pursuant to adjournment.

It appears by a minute received from men's meeting, that the embarrassed situation of divers faithful friends residing within the limits of these Quarterly Meetings, which continue

9^o to be in a state of insubordination to the yearly meeting has claimed the sympathy and attention of that meeting, and that they had concluded to appoint a committee to take the subject under consideration in conjunction with a committee from this meeting should such committee be appointed. After a time of deliberation upon the subject, this meeting unites therewith, and Mary Buffinton, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Davis, Mary Chase, and Sylvia R. Wilbur are accordingly appointed to join them in the service and they are requested to report at a future sitting, their judgment as to what course appears best for the yearly meeting to pursue for the relief of such members.

Men friends inform that a concern having arisen and prevailed in their meeting to issue an epistle or minute of advice to be sent down to our subordinate meetings and that they had separated a committee to take the subject into consideration in connexion with a similar committee of woman friends, if way should open for such an appointment, and to prepare an essay and submit it to a future sitting. This meeting unites therewith and appoints Judith Swift, Mary Chase, Phoebe Foster, Mary Davis, and Mary S. Mitchel to join them in the service.

The meeting adjourns to the hour appointed by men friends.

Fourth day afternoon 10th of the month friends assembled near the 1st hour

The names of the representatives being called they were all present who were with us at our first sitting excepting one.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to take into consideration the situation of those members of the four delinquent Quarterly Meetings, who have remained faithful to our ancient principles and testimonies, produced the following minute. and having been informed that mens meeting had adopted the same and directed it to be recorded, and that copies thereof be transmitted to our subordinate meetings, this meeting unites therewith and the Clerk is directed to enter the same upon our records, as the united sense and judgement of the yearly Meeting, it being as follows. viz.

In a view of the difficulties and embarrassments under which divers friends labour, in consequence of the general defection in principle and insubordination ⁱⁿ practice, of Palmouth, Smithfield, Dussabrough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings; it is the Conclusion of this meeting that when Cases occur of friends who have manifested a sincere attachment to our ancient Principles and Testimonies; removing to live within the limits of any Monthly meeting which is a branch of either Rhode Island, Salem and Dorchester, or Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and make application to be received as their members, it is agreed that such Monthly meeting be left at liberty to receive them and that they be considered as members thereof according to the judgment of such Meeting and upon its receiving satisfactory evidence of their being in unity with Friends - of orderly lives and conversation - and of their outward affairs being settled. and in case of their being in necessitous circumstances when such application is made or of their requiring pecuniary assistance afterwards and within the time already prescribed by ^{our} Discipline with regard to the obtaining of settlements

They not having Contributed to the funds of the meeting within the limits of which they reside. It is advised that such Friends should receive timely and needful assistance from their respective monthly meetings which are requested (if the matter should prove burdensome to them) to forward their accounts to the meeting for Sufferings who having approved the same, the expense is to be defrayed by a draft on the Treasurer of this meeting.

It is also the sense and judgment of this meeting that the same rules and regulations may be applied under the direction of best wisdom to the relief of such sound and consistent Friends as may continue to reside within the limits of the four delinquent Quarterly Meetings which have been referred to as well as to such as are members of the three Quarterly Meetings which are ^{still} duly represented in this meeting, but who may reside within the limits of any monthly meeting in either of those Quarters which has not been sustained in subordination to us, by reason of the great defection in Principle and the prevalent unsoundness in doctrine existing among the members of such monthly meetings generally.

An Epistle addressed to men & women friends of New England yearly meeting from our dear friend Samuel Cope of Penn-
sylvania has been received and read at this time to the Comfort and encouragement of friends.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Epistle or minute of advice to transmit to Subordinate meetings produced the following, which having been adopted by men friends and approved by this meeting the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof.

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The Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence produced the following report, and men friends having informed that they had concluded to accept it and to refer the subject under care of the same Committee to report at such time as may appear suitable and proper to them, or whenever the yearly meeting may request such report to be made. This meeting unites with them in this disposition of the case.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

The Committee appointed to have charge of our Boarding School at Providence report that as the control of the school and the funds of the Institution are still in the hands of those who have separated from us, no way has opened for the extension of any care by the Committee since our last report,

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Charon Varney
(Mary Page.)

At times and seasons during the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting, the overshadowing wing of ancient-goodness has been as we humbly trust, mercifully extended over us, in such a manner as to revive our faith and strengthen our hope and confidence in him, and in his unfailing arm of power and strength to as many as are brought into a sense of their own weakness.

and into a state of true dependance upon Him, whereby we have been enabled to transact the weighty concerns which have come before us in harmony and sisterly love, and to bring them to a satisfactory result, and under a sense of the unnumbered favours vouchsafed we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island in the 6th month next if the Lord permit.

Martha P Gould. Secy.

This year.

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport in Rhode Island, by adjournments, from the 13th of the 6th Month, to the 16th of the same inclusive,
1852

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and individual members belonging thereto:

Dear Friends

Having been permitted again to meet together in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and to experience, as we humbly trust, the wing of Cherubim Goodness to be mercifully spread over us; and in and under this precious, and solemnizing covering, to feel a living concern for our own preservation and advancement in the Truth; — and also, for the faithful maintenance of those truly Christian Principles and Testimonies which have been committed unto us as a peculiar people, called and gathered out of the world, and the evil customs and manners, as well as the false principles, and contaminating influences of the world which lull in wickedness, and in a state of alienation from the Life and Power of the Gospel which we profess, and most assuredly

Believe in; — our dear absent-brothers and sisters have been feelingly brought to view, with sincere and earnest desires, that they also may, to some degree, be made in some degree, sensible of the unmerited favours which have been vouchsafed at this time, through the good presence and help of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd, by which our strength has been somewhat renewed, and our hope and confidence increased, that as watchfulness is abode in, and faithfulness and obedience are maintained, — according to the degree of Divine Light; and the measure of the gifts and talents received, — we shall not be permitted to fall into the snare of the enemy, however thickly or deceptively they may be spread around us, or however cunningly they may be adapted to the peculiar circumstances in which we are placed, and to the particular weaknesses and infirmities to which we are either more or less subject until the work of redemption and salvation is completed through the effectual operation of His power, who is now as able and as willing to heal us of our spiritual maladies and infirmities, as he was in the days of his outward and personal appearance amongst men, when such is applied unto him in living faith, saying, "Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean," were made every whit whole.

But, dear friends, we have been exposed, and deeply made sensible at this time, that it will not prove sufficient for any of us to have had our eyes once anointed to see into the mysteries of Life and Salvation, beyond other professors of the Christian name, and our hearts opened and enlarged to receive the spiritual nature and unchangeable character of Christ's Kingdom and government, while the eyes of many of our fellow professors have been blinded by the God of this world; — or even to have witnessed a good confession of the saints' faith, and maintained the form of sound words and sound doctrines, and to have done so in the life having been clothed with a degree of the zeal for the support of the ancient doctrines and testimonies of Truth, in opposition to such, under our own

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name, as were disposed to lower the Standard
and to let the Ark of the Lord's Testimony and
Covenant fall to the ground, - but it is indispensi-
-bly necessary that we should know an abiding
in the vine of Life, under the Cleansing opera-
-tions, and the precious baptisms of the Holy Spirit -
that so, receiving daily a sufficient portion of bread
from Heaven, we may witness a growth and advance-
ment in the Truth, and our connection with him
who declared Himself to be "The Vine" being pre-
served, we shall be enabled to bring forth good fruit
and all our offerings will pass through the fire of
God's altar, a sacrifice to his praise and honor.
And thus, coming to be witnesses of a living and
efficacious faith, which will enable us to overcome
the world, and to obtain the victory through an
humble, consistent-walking in the Light, we
shall have true fellowship, one with another,
and the love of God and of the Brethren will in-
-crease, and abound amongst us - for they that
dwell in Him, and in whom He dwells, dwell in
Love, and his Divine Light shines round about
them and leads them safely along in the way
of Life and Salvation.

And in Conclusion, beloved friends, we would
affectionately entreat you, in the simplicity of faith and
obedience, to seek the direction of that Wisdom which
cometh from above, to guide and govern you in
every action, and especially, in those pertaining
to the welfare of the Church of Christ; seeking con-
-tinually the holy sense of discrimination, which
will infallibly enable to distinguish between that
Spirit which alone seeketh the righteousness
of God, and the prosperity of the ever blessed Truth,
and that Spirit whose tendency is to lay

waste his Heritage, and, being reproach upon
that holy cause, which without either spot or
blemish, we are professedly endeavoring to promote.

Signed by direction

and on behalf of the Meeting by
Peleg Kitchell, } Clerk of the
Martha S Gould, } Meeting this year.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island - commencing with Public Meetings for worship on first day the 12th of the 9th mo 1853, and on second day morning the 13th for Discipline.

The Clerk of this being prevented from attending by indisposition Sarah S. Paddock is appointed Clerk for this sitting and Lois S. Ives for assistant.

We have received accounts at this time from Rhode Island, Salem & Dover, and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, by which we are informed that the Representatives to this meeting are from Rhode Island Ruth Wood, Hannah Hull, Phoebe Foster Lydia Mitchell, Anna E. Chase, Amos Buffinton, Eurus Foster and Mary E. Kenyon. — from Salem & Dover Elizabeth Hill Lois S. Ives, Lydia E. Buffum, Mary P. Page and Anna Flannery — and from Sandwich Rachel Gardner, Judith Swift, Abigail Eddy, Hannah R. Shearman, Mary Davis, Sylvia R. Wilbur and Mary Gardner, whose names being called, they are all present except one, for whose absence, a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

No account has been received at this time from Falmouth, Smithfield, Warratborough or Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

We are informed through the medium of the accounts from Rhode Island, Salem & Dover, and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings that they received an Epistle from our last yearly meeting, also Extracts from the minutes of men Friends, which were read and were satisfactory.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that they have united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Judith Swift to the station of Elder.

Sarah S. Paddock and Lois S. Ives are requested to prepare a

summary of Answers to the Queries and produce at a future sitting.

An Epistle has been presented to this meeting from New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Boplar Ridge, Cayuga County State of New York, and as there are other Yearly Meetings bearing the name of Friends within their limits, it is judged that a Committee be appointed to take the subject into consideration, and report their judgment to a future sitting of this meeting and our own Friends informing that they have also received an Epistle from the same body and have appointed a Committee, we appoint Mary Davis, Mary Buffington, Mary May, Phoebe Foster, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Page and Judith Hoff to unite with them in the service.

This meeting adjourns to the hour, our own Friends may appoint.

Afternoon, about the fourth hour Friends again met.

Elizabeth Hill on behalf of the Representatives informs that they have conferred together on the subject of books and are united in proposing to this meeting the names of Sarah S. Biddack for Clerk, and Lois S. Sins for assistant, which being considered is united with, and they are appointed to their services for the year ensuing.

We are informed by our Friends that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has during the past year united with Fairbairn Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas H. Wilbur, to the station of Elder, and with Antwerp Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James Austin to the same station.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers

thereto from Rhode Island, Salem, Dover and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings for which the following summary has been prepared and being considered descriptive of our present state and approved by the meeting is directed to be recorded. viz.

Summary

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by the greater part of our members midweek meetings not so fully attended - the time has been nearly observed - Friends generally pursued their sleeping and clear of other unbecoming behavior when assembled.

Ans 2d. Love and Unity appear to be in good degree maintained amongst us, and detraction is generally guarded against - no differences are reported.

Ans 3d. Friends appear to be concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, to discourage pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary herein themselves - the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans 4th. It appears that Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine - the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to observe moderation and temperance on the account of births, marriages burials and on other occasions.

Ans 5th. The circumstances of the poor appear to have been duly inspected and their necessities relieved - their children put aside of learning to fit them for business - none are placed out from among Friends.

Ans 6th. Parents and heads of families with most of the young and unmarried appear careful that all proceedings with

respect to marriages be conformable to our Discipline, except two instances of keeping company and marrying with those out of our Society reported in the account from our Quarterly Meeting - one of which is under notice.

Ans 7th. Most Friends appear concerned to maintain a faithful testimony against the payment of Priest's wages with the exception in one of the accounts of a few instances of attending meetings where there is an healing ministry - clear as to the remaining part of this Query.

Ans 8th. Friends appear to be careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th. Our records are attended to - several removals without Certificates are reported - some of which are under notice.

Ans 10th. Some care has been taken to deal with offenders according to discipline yet we are sensible of delay as regards those who have separated from us - judgment has been placed where it has appeared necessary in accordance with Discipline.

On considering the state of Society as presented by the answers to the Queries, in account of the many deficiencies reported therein, our minds have been introduced into deep feeling, and desires have been expressed that we might so centre down to the true witness for God in the soul, as to know an increase of strength, an ability secured to come up in the line of Divine appointment and to maintain a consistent walking in the support of all our peculiar testimonies - the subject of some of our members occasionally attending meetings where an healing ministry is performed has had feelingly dwelt upon, and a tender concern

felt and expressed that Friends may not be unconscious of the sufferings our worthy predecessors in the truth endured for the establishment of these precious principles.

adjourned to the tenth hour to-morrow-morning.

Third day of the week and 14th of the month, about the tenth hour Friends again assembled.

We have during this sitting received an acceptable visit from our Friend Nathaniel Page, and nothing further appearing to claim our attention, we conclude to adjourn to the time appointed by some Friends.

(Afternoon, about the 5th hour Friends again met.

An Epistle addressed to Friends of New-England Yearly Meeting from our Friends Joseph and Maria Pease of New-York has been read to our comfort and encouragement.

Adjourned to the 3d hour to-morrow-afternoon.

Fourth day afternoon, and 15th of the month Friends again met pursuant to adjournment

The joint Committee of men and women Friends to whom was referred the subject of the Epistles from New-York Yearly Meeting now report, that they have considered the subject and although not prepared to make a full report at this time, they have come to the conclusion to recommend the reading of them - which being approved, the one addressed to this meeting was accordingly read and much satisfaction expressed thereunto - and many Friends informing that they have concluded to refer the subject of addressing

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that meeting to the same Committee, to prepare if way should
open for it, Essays of Epistles to be produced at a future sitting,
this meeting unite with them herein.

The joint Committee of men and women Friends appointed
to take into consideration the situation of Walmouth, Smithfield,
Wassallborough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings have produced the
following report *—which is accepted, and new Friends having
informed that they have appointed a Committee to extend
further care in the case and report to this meeting next year
we unite with them therein, and appoint Judith Kept, Eliza
C. Coffin, Huldah D. Barney, Sylvia B. Whiton, Sarah S. Paddock
Phoebe Foster, Lois S. Lves and Mary Page to join them in the
service.

* To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

The Committee to whom was referred the continued painful
situation of Walmouth, Smithfield, Wassallborough and Fairfield
Quarterly Meetings—Report—that they have had the subject
under their serious consideration during the past year, yet that
no way has appeared to open for any action thereon, and we there-
fore recommend that it be continued for another year under the
care of a Committee.

Report of the 15th 1853.

On behalf of the Committee

J. B. Eddy
Elizabeth Hall

Adjourned to the hour appointed by our new Friends.

Thurs day afternoon and 16th of the month about the 3d hour
Friends again assembled.

The names of the Representatives
being called they are present who attended our first sitting with the
exception of three, two of whom were prevented from attending by
sickness.

The Committee on the subject of the Epistles from New York Yearly Meeting have produced the following report,* which has been read and accepted, also an Essay of an Epistle addressed thereto, which has been read and being satisfactory, the Clerk is directed to sign and forward on behalf of this meeting.

* Report

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

The joint Committee of men and women Friends appointed to take into consideration the proper disposal of certain Epistles addressed to this Yearly Meeting by a body lately convened at Phipps Ridge, Cayuga county in the state of New York, desiring to be New York Yearly Meeting of Friends; Report —

that after a patient investigation of the circumstances preceding and attending the gathering of that body derived from the printed documents which have been issued by Phips and Ferrisburg Quarterly Meetings, of which it is composed, and such other sources of information as have come within our reach, including the statement of several Friends who are now agreeably with us from one of those Quarterly Meetings; we have concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting to receive and read those Epistles as emanating from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in New York.

We have come to this conclusion first, and principally, because we believe that Friends now composing that Yearly Meeting continue to profess and uphold our ancient doctrines and testimonies, unadulterated by that sad mixture of error which has so successfully overspread the Society of latter time. In common with us, they have long been under suffering for their faithfulness herein; and after many unavailing efforts to prevent and avert these deviations, they have refused to become partners with those who have caused them, and borne a faithful testimony against such innovators, and their unsound doctrines — and in the measures which have resulted in their re-organization as a Yearly Meeting we believe they have proceeded with caution, and according to the best Wisdom afforded

them, and that a convincing and convincing evidence was never
richly vouchsafed to them when convened in that capacity, that
they were owned by the Great Head of the Church.

We further find that the body which has long met in the City of New York,
under the appellation of New York Yearly Meeting, and with
which this meeting formerly corresponded, has departed from its
ancient integrity and purity, inasmuch as it received with open arms
and by its acts, cordially recommended the late Joseph John Gurney,
who was the principal author of those unnumbered writings which have
caused so great uneasiness among all rightly concerned Friends;
on the occasion of his visit to this country some years^{ago} as a Minister,
furnishing him with a testimonial of their approbation on his
return home —

That body also gave its sym-
pathy and active aid to those, within our limits who introduced, and
by unwarrantable and oppressive measures uphold, this defective
in principle and doctrine in New England; and when a separation
was effected, it promptly and without any investigation recognized
their organization as the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
utterly refusing to acknowledge the just rights and true character of
this Yearly Meeting.

Lists of correspondents received by
them from the American body here, were sent down to their subordinate
meetings, and in some instances enforced upon the acceptance of
such inferior meetings by sending down a committee and incorpora-
ting it with such meetings; thus entangling the action thereof, against
the well founded, and conscientious convictions of many Friends; — carrying
this measure to the extent of causing a separation in our Monthly Meeting.

It refused to contrast the doctrinal writings of J. J. Gurney
with the standard doctrines of the Society, when called upon to do so
by a subordinate meeting, but gave its aid in the circulation and cur-
rency of those writings.

It originated the measure of a Con-
ference of delegates from different Yearly Meetings on this continent,
including that which separated from us in New England, and proposed
to extend it to that of London; which Conference met several years at
Baltimore, with the object of effecting a union of all, against those who
have withstood the innovation; and, although this measure has
proved unsuccessful, and been abandoned, yet this body which origin-

ated it, appears to have used its utmost endeavours to carry its design into effect — Another evidence, if more be wanting, to prove that this body has abandoned and forsaken the ground of unevangelical Quakerism, is to be found in the fact, that it has modified and lowered the standard of our Christian Discipline, by making alterations therein, in nearer accordance with the principles and practices of those, towards whom ours, the modified doctrine was tending.

Under these circumstances, the body which was once truly denominated the Yearly Meeting of Friends in New York, having departed and fallen from its former state, it is in our judgment no longer entitled to that name or character; — and those who have adhered to the principles, testimonies and practices of Friends, having re-established a Yearly Meeting on original ground, we believe it right for us to acknowledge its validity, and our fellowship therewith in the bonds of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Witnessed by direction and on
behalf of the Committee — by
Newport 16th of 6th mo)
1853.) Valentine Meader
Mary Page

And now, having been favoured to transact the business of the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting, without feeling sore of our entire dependence on the Great Head of the Church, and of the necessity of our being united together in Him, in order that we may be enabled to see eye to eye, walking by the same rule, and minding the same thing, that thereby we may be enriched with Heavenly Wisdom, and witness an increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ — And notwithstanding the many favours bestowed to us by our merciful Redeemer, we have been truly humbled under a consideration of our many deficiencies, and fears have been expressed lest by seeking favour one of another, we do not sufficiently strive for that Honour, which cometh from above — with ardent desires for our continuance in the unchangeable truth, rooted and grounded in the faith of the Gospel, we conclude — purposing to meet again on this Island in the 6th mo next

if consistent with the Divine Will.

Sarah S. Paddock

Click this year.

From our already meeting of Women Friends for New England,
held at Newport in Rhode Island, by adjournments from the
12th of the 6th mo to the 16th of the same inclusive 1853.

Also New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Skiplaw Bridge Cayuga County.

Dear Sisters.

Your acceptable Epistle was received and read
to our satisfaction, and much sympathy was felt and expressed for
you in your stricken condition - having largely partaken of the cup
of suffering, we believe we feel in a measure qualified to sympathize with the
suffering seed wherever scattered; and our desire is, that those may be
preserved on the alone, our foundation Jesus Christ the Rock of Ages
the same yesterday - to day - and forever - But dear Friends you
are sensible that it is only as we keep the faith and abide in Him, that
we shall be preserved, and being faith fast to his throne, and be made
instrumental in promoting His cause, and those testimonies which
we feel bound to uphold. - Let us keep in the valley of humility,
and feel our own nothingness, and our entire dependancy on Him,
who is strength in weakness, riches in poverty, and a present helper
in the needful time - And we may humbly acknowledge,
that this our annual assembly has been a time of favour, and a
remuned evidence mercifully granted; that the Great Head of the Church
is still mindful of us; to which we feel bound to ascribe all the praise
unto His great and excellent name, in that He has seen need to
look upon us, in our low estate; and been pleased we humbly trust
to bless, and break unto us, a little of the bread of Life.

We remain and our dear sisters, we trust in the
fellowship of the Gospel.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
by Sarah S. Paddock

Click to the meeting this year.

At an Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing with public meetings for worship on first day the 11th of the 6th month 1854, and on second day morning the 12th for Discipline.

Accounts have been received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meetings (the account from Salem and Dorset having since come to hand), by which it appears that the Representatives to this meeting are from Rhode Island Mary Chase Ruth Henson, Mary E. Henson, Eunice Foster, Lydia Mitchell, Asenath Buffinton, Catharine M. Boyd and Temperance Perry. from Sandwich Mary Olney, Judith Swift, Mary Ann Taber Sylvia R. Wilbur, Sarah L. Paddock and Alice Wilbur, whose names being called, they are all present except one.

The assistant clerk of this meeting, being absent, and the name of Mary Ann Taber being proposed to serve at this sitting, and being acceptable to the meeting, she is accordingly appointed to that service.

No account has been received at this time from Nahant Smithfield, Warrabrough or Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

We have read an acceptable Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting of women Friends held at Poplar Bridge, which has been read to our comfort and encouragement, and Elizabeth Hice Mary Page, Phoebe Foster, and Mary Davis are appointed to prepare, if they should see fit, an Essay of an Epistle to that meeting, and produce at a future sitting.

Elizabeth A. Flussey
Mercy H. Meader and Elizabeth H. Eddy are appointed to transcribe the Epistle for our several Quarterly Meetings.

We conclude to adjourn to the time appointed by men Friends.

Afternoon, near the fourth hour Friends again met.

Mary Olney on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they had conferred together on the subject of Clerks, and were united in proposing the names of Sarah S. Packard for Clerk, and Mary Ann Baker for assistant, which being considered, is united with, and they are appointed to these services for the year ensuing.

Elizabeth R. Nichols, Asenath Buffinton, Elizabeth H. Eddy, and Mary E. Thayer are appointed to prepare a summary of business to the Quies and produce at a future sitting.

Our Friends inform, that a proposition has been made to that meeting, to make an addition to the minute adopted by this yearly meeting in the year 1852, making provision for the reception by our several monthly meetings of such sound and consistent Friends as may remove from the limits of these Quarterly Meetings, which are delinquent in making report to us, to reside within the limits of any sound Monthly Meeting, extending some of the privileges thereby granted to sound and consistent Friends of other Yearly Meetings which are not in correspondence with us; and that they have appointed a Committee to take the subject into consideration, and report their judgment thereon to a future sitting, this meeting unites with the proposition, and appoints Mary Davis, Mary Chase, Mary Gardner, Peace A. Hussey, Mary May, Eunice Foster, Mary Page and Asenath Buffinton to unite with them in the service.

Adjourned to the tenth hour to morrow morning.

Third day of the week and 13th of the month, near the tenth hour Friends again assembled.

Offe appoint Elizabeth A. Hussey and Mary H. Maden to assist the Clerks

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in collecting some of the exercises of this meeting and preparing some Extracts from the minutes if way should open for it, to be transmitted to our subalternate meetings and peruse at a future sitting.

Although but little business has appeared to claim an attention at this time, yet trust it has not been unprofitably spent, it having been a season of favour, in which our hearts have been united together, and we have been afresh made sensible of our Heavenly Father's love, under the influence of which, the dear youth were affectionately entreated to forsake all and follow Him, who would strengthen them for the performance of every sacrifice required at their hands.—

the mothers are earnestly solicited to discharge their duty towards their beloved offspring "to train them up in the way they should go, that when they are old they may not depart from it," reminding them, that although they may not immediately see any fruit of their labours, it may be, "like bread cast upon the waters, found after many days."

We conclude to adjourn to the time appointed by our Friends.

Afternoon, near the fourth hour Friends again meet.

The account from Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting not having come to hand, we are informed by a member of that meeting, that the Representatives there, are Elizabeth Hall, Mary Page, Elizabeth Pe. Nichols, Levi S. Sires and Oliver H. Cleader, who being called are all present except one, who was prevented from attending by indisposition, and Elizabeth Hall informed this meeting that the account was made out, but accidentally left at Lynn, which has caused them much regret; and that they have conferred together and prepared some answers from memory which they believe are exact copy, and which they now present to this meeting.

The Minutes have been read at this time, with answers thereto, from our several Quarterly Meetings, also a summary proposed therefrom, which being approved by this meeting, is directed to be recorded *viz.*

Summary.

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been kept up, except a few, which in consequence of inclement weather and sickness in several families were not attended — the hour nearly observed — mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, and detraction generally guarded against — no differences appear among us.

3d. Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to be exemplary herein themselves — The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends' families.

4th. Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except in medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in true moderation in accounts of births, marriages, and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the poor, and such as appear likely to need assistance are duly inspected, and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning to fit them for business; none placed poor among Friends.

6th. We believe most parents, and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline — one

instance in our Quarterly Meeting of marrying out of the order of Society which is under notice.

7th. Friends are careful to maintain a faithful testimony against the payment of priests' wages, except a few instances of attending meetings where there is an ordaining ministry, on which account, some care has been extended -- clear as to the remaining part of this Query.

8th. Friends are careful to live according to the requisitions of this Query.

9th. Marriage certificates recorded, births, deaths and burials mostly -- some instances of burials without certificates which are under notice.

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, and to place judgment in the authority of truth, according to our Discipline.

We have been furnished by an man Friends with the records of the meeting for sufferings, which having been read were satisfactory.

Adjourned to the tenth hour to-morrow morning.

Fourth day of the week, and fourteenth of the month Friends again met pursuant to adjournment.

We have now received the account from Salem and our Quarterly Meeting, which with the answers thereon, has been read at this sitting.

The Friends appointed at a previous sitting to prepare in way should open for it an Essay of an Epistle

to New York Yearly Meeting. Have now produced one, which having been read, is approved by the meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same and forward it in behalf thereof.

Epistle.

From our Yearly meeting of women Friends for New England held at Newport in Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 12th of the 6th mo to the 14th of the same inclusive 1864.

To New York Yearly Meeting of women Friends.
Dear Sisters

It is we trust in a measure of that love which unites the whole household of Faith that we attempt to address you, feeling a unity and nearness for those who have been willing to suffer with the suffering seed, those who choose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." Your Epistle of 5th mo last has been read to our comfort and encouragement. We can subscribe to the language, that if we turn to the Lord, He will fight all our battles for us, feeling that it is only as we abide in Him, the living vine, that we can bring forth fruit to the praise of his great and excellent name.

We feel unweariedly sensible that this is only accomplished by great watchfulness, even unto prayer; and that it is only by a daily walking in the fear of the Lord, that He will make us fruitful branches in his Church militant.

We have been afresh made to feel at this time, that the Lord has not forsaken us; where we merit nothing, we are bound to acknowledge his mercy has been extended, and that He has been pleased to give us a little of the overshadowing of His good presence, and that all our springs are in Him; and that we can do nothing availingly for the cause of Truth, without the help of Him whose cause it is.

And we desire that you with us, and we with you, may individually labour for a preparation of heart to do the work assigned us,

that our days work may go on with the day, that when we are called upon to give up our stewardship, that we may receive the answer of "well done good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord, and into thy Master's rest."

And dear sisters, we feel to encourage those who go mourning on their way, who feel that they are willing to sell all, to purchase the pearl of great price. Oh, may there if any there be, left up their heads in hope, remember we have a compassionate Saviour, who pitieeth them that fear Him, and call on his name, and will never forsake them, if they seek continually to be sanctified from the living Vine - "for the crying of the poor and the sighing of the needy the Lord will arise" - although He may try us and purify us, yet we may remember that "as gold is tried in the fire, so are acceptable men and women in the furnace of affliction."

With love and regards, we bid you an affectionate farewell -
Signed by direction, and in behalf of the
meeting assembled by Sarah S. Paddock Clerk to the
meeting this year.

We write with warm friends in granting the request of Salem and Torr Quarterly, respecting of ministers and Elders, for changing the time of holding their meetings in the 5th and 10th months, from eleven o'clock in the morning, to the second hour in the afternoon.

The joint Committee of men and women Friends appointed last year to take into consideration the situation of Falmouth, Smithfield, Vassalborough and Fairfield Quarterly meetings have produced the following report.

To the Yearly meeting now sitting.

"The joint Committee of men and women Friends appointed last year, and charged with the consideration of the long continued misordination of Falmouth, Smithfield, Vassalborough and Fairfield Quarterly meetings - Report - That the subject has claimed their serious deliberation, and they are united in recommending

mending to the yearly Meeting to discontinue the practice of
relieving when our Minutes, the neglect of these Quarterly mee-
tings to report their state to us, — and also to release the
Committee now under appointment from further service in
the case; — And that the subject be left to rest impressively
upon the minds of Friends, until way may open for further
consideration by the yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee

Valentine Meader

Phoebe Foster

Newport June 13th 1854.

which is united with, and the Committee released from further
service.

Adjourned to the fourth time this afternoon.

Afternoon, near the fourth time the meeting gathered
and the names of the Representatives being called, they are
all present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons
were assigned.

The friends appointed at a previous sitting
to make some extracts from the minutes and collect some of the
exercises of the meeting to be sent down to our subordinate meetings
have produced the following, which having been read and being
satisfactory to the meeting the Clerk is directed to sign and
forward on behalf thereof.

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In consideration of the impropriety of lightly conducting the affairs
of the Church our minds have been humbled under a sense of
our weakness and utter insufficiency of ourselves to do any thing that
will advance the cause of Truth a reward to the Glory of the
Great Head of the Church — and the Query of our hearts has been
"By whom shall Jacob arise?"

At the same time we are bound to ac-
knowledge that He who has promised to be "strength in weakness,
riches in poverty and a present help in the needful time" has not
been unmindful of us, but has through the extension of His

love and of His mercy, manifested himself by the breaking of a little heart among us, by which we have been afresh animated and encouraged, to "come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty".

While our minds have been saddened by being again reminded "that the fathers and mothers are fast passing away," much solicitude has been expressed for the mid-aged, and they have been encouraged to greater dedication of heart, that so there may be found those among them, qualified for faithful standfast service, when "those who have borne the burden and heat of the day" shall have passed from works to rewards, and that instead of the fathers may be the sons, and instead of the mothers the daughters.

A burden rests on the minds of friends that mothers may be especially careful to fulfil their duties to their tender children, to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and although they may not see any present fruit from their labours, they are encouraged to trust that it will not be altogether in vain, but be "as seed cast upon the water, found after many days" —

Much concern has been expressed for the dear youth and they have been tenderly and earnestly solicited to give up in the morning of their days to serve the Lord, who for every act of dedication will most assuredly reward, and will, as He is looked unto for help, "make hard things easy, and bitter things sweet to their taste".

The uncertainty of time has been feelingly brought to their view, and desires expressed that they may so hearken to the convictions of duty as to lay aside every weight, and centre down to the witness for God in their own minds, that so their adorning may not be "that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, or of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, but that it may be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God, of great price".

Our meeting has been introduced into suffering on as

count of some of our members having given their support to priest's wages inasmuch as to attend meetings where there has been an hiding ministry, and much concern has prevailed that none should be so unwearied of the sufferings of our early Friends, as to fail to support any of those precious testimonies which they felt called upon to bear, and for which some of them laid down their lives.

We have been enabled to transact the business which has come before us in much harmony, and our dear absent sisters have been from time to time feelingly brought to our remembrance, and desires have been raised that they with us, may persevere in the line of equived duty, that thereby we may receive an increase of strength, and finally "reive the end of our faith even the salvation of our souls".

Information is recd that Sandwich Quarterly meeting in the 4th mo last, united with other Tract Society meeting in the appointment of Stephen Sapp to the station of Elder.

The Friends appointed at a previous sitting to take into consideration the subject of making an addition to the minute adopted by this meeting in the year 1852 respecting removals produced the following minute - and having been informed that other Friends had adopted the same and directed it to be recorded, this meeting united therewith and the Clerk is directed to enter the same upon our records as the united sense and judgment of the st meeting. it being as follows viz.

"It is the sense and judgment of this meeting that so much of the minute adopted in the year 1852 as relates to removals be extended and its benefits applied to such sound and consistent Friends as may remove into any Monthly Meeting which is a branch of either Rhode Island, Salem and Dover or Sandwich Quarterly Meeting from within the limits of other Yearly Meetings; in their making application to such Monthly Meeting, and producing such evidence of their rights of mem-

bishop and the settlement of their outward affairs, as is agreed in said minute."

And now, under a grateful sense of the mercies vouchsafed to us, during this our annual assembly, in that we have been ^{permitted} at times and seasons to be favoured with the presence of Him, who is the crown and glory of all rightly gathered assemblies, whereby we have been enabled to transact the weighty affairs of Society, we trust, in a spirit becoming our possession, we conclude - purposing to meet again in the 4th mo next on this Island, if the Lord permit.

Thank S. Puddock Clerk
to the meeting this year.

At our Yearly Meeting of W. women Friends for New England held in Rhode-Island, beginning with public meetings for worship at Newport on First-day the 10th of 8th month 1855, and on second day morning the 11th for Disquisition.

Accounts have been received from White Island Salem and Dover and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, by which it appears that the Representatives therefrom are, from Rhode Island Elizabeth Perry, Catharine M. Boyd, Ruth Wood, Mary E. Kenyon, Hannah Hall, Anna E. Chase Isabella B. Shearman, and Eunice Foster. — Salem and Dover, Mary Page, Mary S. Barney, Anna Hussey and Thankful Hussey — Sandwich Sarah S. Paddack, Judith Hoft, Mercy Gifford, Mary Gardner, Mary Davis, and Sylvia R. Wilbur whose names being called they are all present with the exception of four, who were prevented from attending by sickness.

We have received an Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting of women Friends held at Poughkeepsie, which has been read to our comfort and satisfaction, and Sarah S. Paddack Sylvia R. Wilbur, Elizabeth M. Perry, Huldah Barney and Mary Page are appointed to prepare, if way should open for it, an essay of an Epistle to that Meeting, and produce at a future sitting.

We have at this meeting the company of our esteemed Friends Chase Pomeroy and Amos Battey, with Certificates from Stark's Bay Monthly Meeting State of Vermont, enclosed by Morris Bay Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with their ministry and present religious engagement, also the company of our esteemed Friends Cyra Battey with a copy of a minute from the same monthly meeting, and Ruth H. Pomeroy and Ruth Battey who accompany their husbands, and have

also produced copies of minutes from Haverhill the Meeting expressing their concurrence with their present engagement — their company is very acceptable to us.

Sylvia T. Barnard, Ann Werry, Anna E. Chase and Anna Thayer are appointed to transcribe the Minutes for our several Quarterly Meetings.

We appoint Martha S. Gould, Mary S. Mitchell and Asenath Buffinton to prepare a Summary of answers to the Queries and produce at a future sitting.

Mary Ann Tates, Sarah S. Paddock, Martha S. Gould, Mary S. Mitchell and Anna E. Chase are appointed to collect if any should join first, some of the exercises of the meeting, and make some extracts from the minutes, to be transmitted to our subordinate meetings.

This meeting votes with the members in granting the request of Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting of ministers and elders, for changing the time of holding their meeting, from the fourth hour in the morning, to the third hour in the afternoon of the day, preceding the general Quarterly Meeting, when it is held at East Greenwich.

Other friends also inform that they have voted with a petition from Salem and Free Quarterly Meeting, for altering the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting when held at Salem from the fourth 5th day in the 5th month, to the 5th day, next preceding the second 4th day in the 6th month — which having ^{been} our constitution, is voted with by this meeting.

We adjourn to the time appointed by our dear Friends.

Afternoon, near the fourth hour the meeting gathered.

Mary Page on behalf of the Representatives, informs that they have conferred together on the subject of Clerks and were united in proposing the names of Sarah S. Paddelack for Clerk and Mary Ann Taber for assistant, which being considered is united with - and they are appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

The Quenes have been read at this time with answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, also a summary prepared therefrom, which being approved by this meeting is directed to be recorded and is, as follows.

Summary.

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended with the exception of four in consequence of sickness and inclemency of weather, and the most of them by the greater part of our members - yet there is a remissness apparent in the attendance of our mid-week meetings, for which some care has been extended - the hour is nearly observed, and friends generally are preserved from sleeping - clear of other unbecoming behaviour.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detractions generally guarded against - no differences have come to our knowledge.

3d. The benevolent friends endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel - also to restrain them from unprofitable reading and corrupt conversation, and are in a good degree exemplary herein themselves - The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in private families.

- 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, also the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and endeavored to keep in true moderation on the account of births, marriages, funerals and on other occasions.
- 5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning — none placed out from among friends.
- 6th. We believe most parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline — two instances of marrying out of society which are under notice.
- 7th. Most Friends are concerned to maintain an testimony faithfully in the different parts of this Query.
- 8th. Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, also to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.
- 9th. Care is generally taken that all marriages, births, deaths and funerals are duly recorded — some removals without certificates, which are under notice.
- 10th. We believe friends are concerned to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, yet we are sensible in some instances of delay in timely dealing — when judgment has been placed in belief it has been in the authority of truth.

We have been furnished by our friends with the Records of the meeting for suffering, a portion of which has been read at this time.

Adjourned to the time our new friends may conclude to meet to-morrow.

Third day of the week and 12th of the month, near the tenth hour the meeting again assembled.

The remainder of the records of the meeting for suffering has been read at this sitting, the reading of which with the care manifested by that body for the welfare of society, has been very satisfactory to us.

A concern has prevailed in this meeting, that we might so enter down to the exercise of our own minds individually, as to witness a preparation for the performance of every service required at our hands, and so experience ability to pick up our ranks in Righteousness, each willing to do the part assigned us, in the service of the Church — and while we sensibly feel the absence of some of our dear sisters (who have usually mingled with us, in our annual assemblies, and been participants with us, in the various exercises of the meeting, who are now prevented from attending by sickness,) and miss their tried spirit, yet we are comforted in the remembrance of the gracious promise left us on record, that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," and strengthening to believe, that although our meeting is not so large as on some former occasions, we have known something of this promise, verified amongst us.

No other business appearing to claim our attention

at this sitting, we adjourn to the time appointed by our men Friends.

Afternoon near the fourth hour
Friends again met.

The subject of furnishing our friends Ruth H. Punton and Ruth Battey with returning minutes, having claimed our consideration, it is united with, and the Committee on correspondence are requested to prepare minutes for them respectively, and produce at a future sitting.

We have during this sitting received an acceptable visit from our friend Thomas B. Gould, through whom has flowed much excellent counsel, admonition and encouragement, and may it sink down deep in our hearts, and be as a nail fastened in a sure place.

Adjourned to the time our men friends may appoint, to-morrow.

Fourth day afternoon, 13th of the month, near the second hour the meeting gathered, and the names of the representatives being called, they are all present like attended at our first sitting except one, whose absence was caused by sickness.

The Committee appointed in the early part of this meeting, to prepare if way should open for it, an essay of an Epistle to N. York Yearly meeting of women Friends, have now produced one, which having been read and approved, the Clerk is directed to sign and forward on behalf of this meeting.

From an Opeally Meeting of women Friends for
New England held at Newport on Rhode-Island by ad-
journments from the tenth of this (th) mo to the thirtieth
of the same inclusive 1855.

To New York Yearly Meeting of women Friends
Dear Sisters,

By the reading of your very acceptable Epistle
at this time, you have been afresh brought to our minds,
and under the renewed feelings of sisterly regard, we
feel constrained to address you — while we are sensible
that of ourselves we can do nothing that will tend to your
comfort, or our peace, or the advancement of the cause
of truth — earnest desires have been raised in our minds
that nothing may be suffered in any degree to wear you from
an entire dependence upon Him, who by His eternal power
hath miraculously preserved you thus far from the
wiles of the Enemy, and hath wrought deliverance
for you in a wonderful manner, inasmuch that you
have been ready to say "It is the Lord's doings and marvellous
in our eyes."

May you be concerned to dwell deep, keep-
ing a single eye to the paintings of the Master, that thereby
you may be fitted and qualified to strengthen one another
in the most holy faith; and to extend counsel and encourage-
ment to such as "may be of a fearful heart". This is
indeed a day of perplexity, and of great discouragement,
but dear friends, the power of the Lord "is the same, yes-
terday and forever," and will preserve all those who fully
and faithfully put their trust in Him, therefore be en-
couraged to hold on your way, and although poverty may
afflict the clothing of your spirits, may you remember the
language of our Holy Redeemer, "Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs, is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Although sensible of

manifested weaknesses, we have been favoured at this time with a little renewal of faith, wherein we trust we are still graciously owned, by the "Master of assemblies," and our desire is unto Him, that He will yet continue to be, unto the residue of His people, "as a crown and diadem," that He will still be, "a spirit of judgment to those who sit in judgment, and strength to them that turn the battle to the gate."

We feel in an especial manner to encourage the dear youth among you, may you dear young ~~sisters~~ "seek the Lord, while He may be found, call up-
on Him while He is near," place your affections, not upon the world nor the pleasures thereof, which are but for a season, but on the Lord Jesus Christ, who is even now calling upon you for a full dedication. Bow unreservedly unto Him, submit your will and all you have, into His holy hand, so you will be prepared to serve Him faithfully in your generation, and at the close of time, "receive the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

And now, with desires for your, and our establish-
ment and preservation, on the immutable Rock - Christ
Jesus our Lord, we bid you affectionately farewell, and
remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the
meeting aforesaid - by

Sarah S. Paddack

Clerk to the meeting this year.

The Friends appointed to prepare returning memorials
for our Friends Ruth R. Puntin and Ruth Battey,
who have acceptably attended the several sittings of this year-
ly Meeting, produced some at this time, which being appro-
ved, by this meeting the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf
hereof.

The Committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting, to collect if way opened suit, some of the exercises of the meeting, and make some Extracts, from the minutes have produced the following, which having been read is satisfactory to the meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our subordinate meetings.

Extracts.

" Having been made renewedly sensible at this time of our entire dependence on the Great Head of the Church - that it is only, as we abide in Christ, the living Vine, that we can bring forth any fruit to His praise - we are constrained to acknowledge, that He has not been unmerciful of us, during this our annual assembly, but that He has condescended in the riches of His love, to break among us the Bread of Life to feed us, as with a crumb from His all-bountiful table, to the refreshing of our souls, whereby we have been enabled to dispose of the various concerns, which have come before us, and bring them to a satisfactory result.

A concern

has prevailed, that we might so centre down individually, to the exercise of our own minds, as to witness a preparation for the performance of every public and service in the church, to which we may be called, and so experience a filling up of our ranks in Righteousness - and fervent desires have been raised that we might become as passive clay in the Heavenly Potter's hand, willing to be formed into just such vessels as He sees meet, fitted and prepared for the Redeemer's Kingdom.

And while we sensibly feel the absence of some of our dear sisters who have usually mingled with us in our annual assemblies, and been partakers with us in the various exercises of the meeting, who are now prevented from attending by sickness, and miss their travail of spirit, yet we are comforted in the remembrance of the gracious promise left us upon record, that when "two or three are gathered to-

gather in my name there are I, in the midst of them" and strengthened to believe that although our meeting is not so large as on some former occasions, we have known something of this promise verified amongst us.

A concern has also been expressed that we may keep in remembrance the ground on which our yearly meeting was established, and that, thus, as well as all our meetings for Discipline, might be held, as was said by that eminent father, in the truth George Fox, "in the power of God."

That our younger sisters might be encouraged to give heed to the slightest intimation of that Seed which if suffered to rise into dominion, would regulate and bring all into subjection to the yoke of Christ; and they were affectionately entreated to leave all the fascinating things of time and sense, that instead of being conformed to the fashions, customs and maxims of this world, they would then become qualified, when the fathers and mothers are removed from us to rewards, to come forward to fill their places — we then might to realize the ancient declaration that the Church would yet come up out of the wilderness, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

While we have been immediate partakers in these solemnities, our absent sisters have been brought very near to our best feelings, sensible that they are the objects of the same merciful regard, fervent desires have been raised that they with us, may be united to faithfulness and dedication in the performance of every religious duty, and in the end gathered to the true fold."

The friends appointed to transcribe the Epistle from our last yearly meeting have produced copies thereof, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our several Quarterly meetings.

We have been furnished by our friends with the certificates prepared by them, for our beloved friends Chase, Brewster and Anna Battey, who have attended the several sittings of this yearly meeting, and whose company and joyful labours have been comforting and edifying to us -

also with a certificate for our beloved friend Lydia Battey, whose company has been acceptable to us - which being approved by this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign in conjunction with the Clerk of the mens' meeting.

We have realized at times, during this our annual assembly, the Thing of Ancient Goodness to have been spread over us, and this canopy over us to be Love, in which we have been favoured to transact the business which has come before us in sisterly harmony - and with feelings of gratitude therefore, we conclude - purposing to meet again in the 6th month next on this Island if consistent with the Divine Will.

Sarah S. Paddock

Clerk to the meeting this year.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England commencing with public meetings for worship on first day the 15th of the 6th mo 1858 and on second day morning the 16th for Discipleship.

Accounts have been received from our several Quarterly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are for Rhode Island Ruth Wood, Eunice Foster, Elizabeth Hall, Hannah Hall, Lydia Mitchell, Anna C. Chase, Mary Green and Ruth Meryon — for Salem and Dorset Mary Page, Elizabeth R. Nichols, Mercy H. Menden and Julia Ann Boyce, — for Sandwich Lydia R. Miller, Mary Ann Tabor, Rachel Gardner, Judith Swift, Mary S. Tucker and Abigail Folger whose names being called they are all present.

We have at this meeting the company of our beloved Friend Lydia Hallack with a certificate from Sister Monthly Meeting State of N. York, held 3rd mo 12th 1858, and enclosed by Sister R a meeting held by adjournment 4th mo 30th, expressive of their unity with her ministry and proposed visit within our limits — also of our beloved Friend Sarah B. B. Brewster who produces a certificate from the same Monthly Meeting held 4th mo 9th, expressive of her being an Elder approved among them and their unity with her prospect of accompanying our Friend Lydia Hallack in her present religious engagement — their company is very satisfactory to us.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved Friends Joseph Tapp with a certificate from Sister Monthly Meeting State of N. York enclosed by Sister Quarterly Meeting, and of David Heston Jr with a certificate from Wittingham and Little Britain Monthly Meeting Cecil Co. Maryland, enclosed by Wittingham Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with their ministry and present religious engagement — also of our beloved Friend William Waring with a certificate from Wittingham and Little Britain Monthly

Meeting expressive of his benign Elder appeared among them and of their unity with his prospect of accompanying our Friend David Weston Jr in his proposed visit among us.

We have received Epistles from New York and Baltimore Yearly meetings which have been read to our comfort and encouragement — and Ruth Foster, Sylvia M. Miller, Elizabeth R. Nichols, Mary Page, Elizabeth A. Hussey, Lydia T. Barnard and Catharine Miller are appointed to prepare if way should open fact Essays of Epistles to those meetings and produce at a future sitting.

We appoint Martha S. Gould, Anna E. Chase, and Mercy H. Meader to prepare a Summary of Questions to the Queries and produce at a future sitting.

Sarah S. Paddock, Mary Ann Tater, Judith Swift, Mary C. Kenyon, Elizabeth C. Hussey and Arenath Buffinton are appointed to make some Extracts from the minutes, and collect some of the exercises of the meeting if way should open for it, to be transmitted to our subordinate meetings.

The Representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree upon the names of some Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks, and report at our next sitting.

We adjourn to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, near the fourth hour Friends again assembled.

Mary Page on behalf of the Representatives informs that they have conferred together on the subject of Clerks, and were united in proposing the names of Sarah S. Paddock for Clerk and Mary Ann Tater for assistant — which names being separately considered are united with, and they appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from several Quarterly meetings, also a Summary prepared therefrom which, with a little alteration was approved and decided to be recorded — viz.

Summary.

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended (with the exception of a few for worship on account of the unusual severity of the weather and indisposition and one preparative meeting,) and generally by the most of our members — while with others there is a remissness in this important duty, on which account some labour has been extended — the hour is nearly observed — mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

2d. Love and unity in a good degree maintained — detraction generally guarded against — no differences have come to our knowledge.

3d. Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel — to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are generally exemplary herein themselves — We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th. Most friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine; the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort; and to keep in due moderation and temperance on account of births, marriages and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected and their necessities relieved — their children duly partake of learning to fit them for business — none placed from among Friends.

Ans 6th. We believe most parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Discipline — two cases of marrying out, both of which are under notice.

7th Most Friends endeavor to be faithful in bearing testimony against the payment of Priests' wages — clear as to the remaining parts of this Query.

8th. Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, also to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Marriage certificates recorded — Births, deaths and burials mostly — some removals without certificates which are under notice.

10th. Some care has been taken to deal with offenders in the manner given in after — but we believe not so seasonably with all as would be best — and judgment has been placed where it has appeared necessary, we trust in the authority of Truth according to our Discipline.

No other business appearing to claim our attention at this sitting, we adjourn to the tenth hour tomorrow morning.

Third day of the week and 17th of the month, near the time adjourned to, the meeting gathered.

The subject of furnishing our Friends Lydia Hallack and Sarah B. Bowdman with returning certificates being introduced we appoint Judith Swift, Phebe Fisher, Ruth Wood and Mary Ann Baker to prepare some on their behalf and produce at a future sitting.

We appoint Anna B. Chase, Harriet B. Coffin, Betty Tabor, Elizabeth Perry Jr., Mary Ann Mitchell, Hannah B. Gifford and Mercy H. Meader to transcribe the Epistles for our several Quarterly Meetings.

In view of our shopped and pecked condition and the many deficiencies existing amongst us, our minds have been deeply exercised, and the language of some of our hearts has been, "Spare thy people O Lord! and give not thine heritage to reproach!" — the present has been a season of deep abasement with some of us "a day of clouds and thick darkness," and we have been made renewedly sensible that unless the Light of the Lord shine round about our tabernacles, we cannot journey forward, or do any thing that will advance the cause of truth — and we earnestly solicitude has prevailed, that we might individually come down in the spirit of our minds to the only source of help, that we might know Him to be our Lord and Director, that so all things may be done to His honour — the dear youth have been affectionately entreated to forsake all the vanities of a vain world (which perish with the using) and follow a Crucified and risen Lord in the way of his requirements, that thereby they may be fitted and prepared to "come forth to the help of the Lord! to the help of the Lord, against the mighty!" — that so there may be a succession of standard-bearers in the Church militant.

A memorial of Rhode Island monthly meeting concerning our late beloved friend Thomas B. Gould was introduced to the meeting, and the Minutes being read, it was read in the presence of both meetings and fully appeared — during the reading and subsequently there, great solemnity prevailed over the meeting, under which many minds were tendered, and several weighty testimonies were also borne amongst us, we believe in the power and authority of Truth.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again met, pursuant to adjournment.

We have been furnished by our Friends with the Records of the meeting for Sufferings which have been read at this time, and which with the care manifested by that body for the welfare of Society has been satisfactory to this meeting.

There being no other business to claim our attention at this sitting, we adjourn to the church here tomorrow morning.

Fourth day of the week and eighteenth of the month, near the time adjourned to, the meeting gathered.

An essay of an Epistle to New-York Yearly meeting of women Friends has been produced and read, and being satisfactory to this meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign and forward on behalf thereof.

Adj.

From our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island for New-England held by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th month to the 19th of the same inclusive 1856.

To New York Yearly meeting of women Friends held at Poplar Ridge Cayuga Co state of N. York.

Dear Sisters,

Through the continued mercy of Israel's unswerving Shepherd, we have been permitted once more to assemble in a yearly meeting capacity, and being measurably baptised under a fresh and renewed sense of our Heavenly Father's love, we are drawn to address you. — we have to acknowledge in all humility & awe, that notwithstanding the feelings of poverty and abasement under which we came together at this time, He who remains to be the alone true helper of this people, hath in mercy condescended to

our low estate and in a good degree have sacrificed unto us the fulfilment of this promise, "when the poor and needy seek water and there is none and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I, the God of Israel will not forsake them."

Tryings dispensations have indeed been multiplied unto us of late in the removal by death of several of our dear friends from whose lips have often flowed much sweet counsel and tender admonition — and while we mourn on account of the loss sustained to the Church militant, we are even amidst our deprivations made to rejoice in the full belief that it is to them unspeakable gain, and that having filled up their allotted portion here, they are even now become members of the Church triumphant in Heaven, having through the redeeming mercy of our Saviour's love washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb — May the example of those some as a fresh incentive to us who remain, to press forward "to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"!

We have received your Epistle issued at your last yearly meeting, and acknowledge that the reading of it among us at this time, has caused some of our hearts to overflow with gratitude to the God and Father of all our sure mercies, for the renewal of this evidence of His continued regard, and of your tender love and sympathy.

May no device or stratagem of the Enemy ever be suffered to prevail, as to interrupt the free current of brotherly unity between us, but may we under the cementing power thereof, become more and more united in close fellowship, that our Zion may continue a "quiet habitation" — and that the presence and glory of our High Priest and Head may continue with, and rest upon us, even to the establishment in our hearts, of the glorious and spiritual Kingdom of our blessed Redeemer.

We have at this time the company of several of our dear friends from the yearly meetings, which has been truly encouraging to us, and their helpful labors comforting and instructive —

The dear youth among us, have in

a particular manner been admonished, and a tender concern has prevailed, that they may be preserved in the way of truth, and through the grace of our Lord Jesus, grow heroic; that they may stand in a faithful testimony for the Lord, and be valiant in His work, keeping under the power of the cross of Christ, which will crucify to the world and the vanities thereof.

May this class both with you and us, be encouraged to seek the Lord in the morning of their day, that so they may be preserved in a state of safety, and of ability to labour in the cause of Christ, and thus become qualified to take the places of those who are now bearing the "burden and heat of the day," when they shall have been called from work to rewards.

We are sensible that there are among you those who ~~are~~ travail with us in spirit, for the advancement of the cause of truth — may such be encouraged to hold on their way, and although it may oft times be through great discouragement, yet may these not suffer themselves to be unprofitably cast down, but remember the promise of Him, who saith — "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," and becoming more and more purified from every defilement of the flesh, then forth in their lives, the efficacy of the grace of our Holy and blessed Redeemer, and in the day of final decision be of that number, whom He will own, in the presence of His Father and the Holy Angels.

With the salutation of love unforgotten we are your sisters.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting aforesaid.
Sarah S. Paddock Clerk this year

We adjourn to the third hour this afternoon,

Afternoon not pursuant to adjournment, and the names of the Representatives being called, they are all present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The following Essay of an Epistle to Baltimore Yearly Meeting was produced and read and being satisfactory to

the meeting the Clerk is desired to sign and forward on behalf thereof.

From our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-England held at Newport on Rhode-Island by adjournments from the 1st of the 6th mo to the 18th of the same inclusive 1856.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends to be held at Nottingham.

Dear Friends

We received your very acceptable Epistle of 10th month last which was read amongst us to our satisfaction.

It is indeed comfortable and encouraging to have the correspondence renewed between us, believing it has been, and will be again, (if conducted under the influence of Best Wisdom), often a source of consolation and comfort to the weary traveller.

We feel keenly for you in your straitened and tried condition— having ourselves had to drink deeply of the waters of affliction, we trust we are in some measure qualified to sympathize with you and to encourage you to hold on your way, looking steadfastly to Him who is able to sanctify you and to build you up in the most Holy Faith, remembering that He never saith to the pressing need of Jacob, "seek ye my face in vain," for He is a God hearing prayer, and never will forsake his little dependent children who feel that they have no might nor strength of their own, those who go succumbing on their way and may be ready to exclaim "a Saviour or I die, a Redeemer or I perish."

The Lord will keep these tribulated ones as in the hollow of his hand, for they are as the apple of his eye, such will experience the Scripture promise verified, that there will be given unto them, "Beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified."

The Lord will have a tried people, for as God is tried in the fire so are acceptable men and women in the furnace of affliction— it was there, "who came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, that were

found worthy to stand before the throne of God — those who stand faithful will be "as Mount Zion which cannot be removed, but a little while longer," they will be "as lights in the world, as a city set on an hill that cannot be hid," that thus seeing their good works will be constrained to glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

Let us then dear sisters "lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross despising the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God." — We are reminded at this time of the declaration of our Saviour, "it is enough for the Disciple to be as his Master, and the servant as his Lord," "If ye men of the world, the world would love his own, but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you," — let these things be no discouragement, but let the mind be stimulated to cleave more closely to the Eternal Rock of Ages, and when we come to experience a separation from every dear friend, and our minds gathered home to the true place of prayer, Oh! then we will be pleased at times to pour in the Oil and the wine of this Heavenly Kingdom and our hearts will be made to expand with love not only to God but to the whole human family, desiring that all might come to the knowledge of the Truth and be saved.

It was in our husband's disappointment that we met together at this time under a sense of the great loss that we have sustained since our last annual assembly in the morning by death of those, who have stood as it were in the fore-front of the battle and counted nothing too much to bear to fight with for the cause sake — But we have experienced that the Lord is good, and has condescended to our low estate, and been pleased at times, to overshadow our assembly with His blessed presence.

We have at this time had the acceptable company of several dear friends from other quaker meetings, which has been truly encouraging to us and their gospel labours to our comfort and edification — with a salutation of love we bid

you farewell and remain your friends,

Signed on behalf of the meeting aforesaid

By Sarah S. Paddock Clerk to the meeting
this year.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting of
this meeting, to prepare returning certificates for our beloved Friends
Lydia Hallock and Sarah B. Bowdman, who have acceptably
attended the several sittings of this yearly meeting, and whose com-
pany, with the happy labours of beloved friend Lydia Hallock,
have been truly comforting and encouraging to us, have pro-
duced some, which having been read are satisfactory to the mee-
ting, and the clerk is directed to sign them on its behalf—

Viz.

To Yearly Meeting, meeting and Sippie Quarterly mee-
ting State of New York—

Dear Friends.

Our beloved Friend Lydia Hallock attended this
meeting with a Certificate from Yearly Meeting
held 12th of 3d mo 1854, endorsed by Sippie Quarterly Meeting
held by adjournment 30th of 4th mo, expressive of her being a
Minister in unity with them, and also of their unity with her
in her present religious engagement— Her company
and happy labours, with her weighty and solid deportment
have been truly edifying and encouraging to us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of our Yearly
Meeting of women Friends for New-England held at Newport
on Rhode-Island by adjournment from the 14th of the 4th mo
to the 18th of the same inclusive 1856.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

To Yearly Meeting State of New York
Dear Friends

Our beloved Friend Sarah B. Bowdman atten-
ded this meeting as companion of our beloved friend Lydia
Hallock, with a Certificate from Yearly Meeting held
the 9th of 1st mo 1856, expressive of her being an Elder in

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unity with them and also of their unity with the prospect of
accompanying our beloved Friend in the present religious en-
gagement. — her company and solid deportment have been
very acceptable and satisfactory to us.

Signed by direction and on behalf &c.

We have been furnished by new Friends with the return-
ing Certificates proposed by them from Friend Friend Joseph
Ship and David Hustin &c — who have acceptably attended this
meeting with certificates from their respective Monthly Meetings
endorsed by their Quarterly Meetings and whose company and
gospel labours have been truly comforting and encouraging
to us — which have been read and being satisfactory to
the meeting the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf thereof
in conjunction with the Clerk of the main meeting — also a
Certificate proposed by them from Friend Friend Mary
who also has attended this Yearly Meeting with a Certificate
from Nottingham and Little Britain Monthly, and whose
company and solid deportment have been truly comforting
to us — which having been read and being acceptable to the
meeting the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this in con-
junction with the Clerk of the main meeting.

The Committee appointed at an early sitting of this mee-
ting to make some Extracts from the minutes and collect ~~some~~
if way opened for it some of the exercises of the meeting have now
produced the following, which being approved by the meeting
the Clerk is directed to transmit copies thereof to our several
Quarterly Meetings.

Wiz

During the sittings of this Yearly Meeting, we have observed
many have been brought to our view, with desires for their
as well as our own preservation and establishment in the unchange-
able Truth, and under the influence thereof, we formed the
following Extracts from the minutes, embracing some of the

exercises of the meeting. — The view of our stunted and feeble condition and the many deficiencies existing amongst us, our minds have been deeply exercised, and the language of some of our hearts has been, "Spare thy people O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach," — The present has been a season of deep abasement with some of us, "a day of clouds and thick darkness," and we have been made remarkably sensible that unless the Light of the Lord shine round about us, to be made we cannot journey forward, or do any thing that will advance the cause of Truth — and an earnest solicitude has prevailed that we might individually come down in the spirit of our minds to the only Source of Truth, that we might ~~individually~~ ^{individually} may know him to be our Leader and Guide, that so all things may be done to his Honour. —

While the state of Society was under consideration, the necessity of Friends living within the bounds of their circumstances, was livingly brought to view, and a lesson expressed that we might so centre down to the Simons within as clearly to understand the true meaning of living within the bounds of our circumstances, living as becomes the children of God.

Much tender solicitude has been felt for the dear youth, and they have been affectionately exhorted to forsake all the vanities of the vain world, (which perish with the using), and follow a crucified and risen Lord in the way of his requiring, to be careful that the touches of Divine Love on the mind may not be dissipated by light conversation, but being abode under, a living exercise for an acquaintance with the Truth, (which can only be of, and from the Truth itself) may be maintained; that thereby they may be fitted and enabled to come forth "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty," that so there may be a succession of sanctified hearts in the Church militant.

Others were affectionately encouraged to centre down into a close examination and see whether they had fully discharged the duties of their responsible station in restraining the dear offspring from

must to their charge, and thus we are reminded of the judgments
permitted to pass upon the account of the departure of his chil-
dren from the path of virtue —, because he restrained them not.

I remained from 8 to 10 o'clock in the morning, and
evening, and late hours, and ^{Thos B. India} and was amongst us, during
the reading and subsequently the etc., great solemnity prevail-
ed at the meeting, under which many minds were touched,
and several mighty testimonies were also borne amongst us, we
believe in the power and authority of Truth.

Several new friends from the yearly meetings are at this
time in attendance with us, whose company and gospel
labours have been truly acceptable and edifying to us.

Notwithstanding it has been a time when we
have sorely felt the burden of our afflictions,
we have justly to commend to the goodness of our Heavenly
Father in that He has not been unmindful of us, but has been
pleased in the riches of His love, to break among us the Bread
of Life to the refreshing of our souls, and enabling us to dispose of
the various crosses which have come upon us in testimony
for which, we desire to ascribe all the praise to His great and
excellent name, and with gratitude therefore, we conclude pur-
posing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time next
year if the Lord permit.

Samuel S. Putnam Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New-England held at Newport on Rhode-Island commencing with public meetings for worship on first day the 14th of 6th mo 1857 and on second day morning the 15th for Discipline.

Accounts have been received from our respective Quarterly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named to this meeting are, for Rhode-Island Phebe Foster, Eunice Foster, Catharine Mitchell, Martha S. Gould, Elizabeth Hill, Joanna Thripp, Sarah S. Wagoner, and Anna E. Chase, — Salem and Dover Elizabeth W. Nichols, Fuldah D. Varney, Mary Page and Thankful Hussey — for Sandwich Phebe Maxfield, Mary Davis, Rachel Giddens, Mary Gardner, Mary Ann Taber, Judith Swift and Mary S. Walker whose names being called they are all present except one.

We have at this meeting the company of our beloved Friend Emma Charles with a Certificate from Peru and Warrham Quaker Meetings of Friends held on Grand Isle the 2d of 5th mo endorsing her Fennsburg Quarterly Meeting held at Lincoln New Eng. expressive of her being a minister in unity with them and also of their unity with her in respect of religious service within our limits her company is very acceptable to us.

We have also the acceptable company of our esteemed Friend David D. Charles with a Certificate from the same Quarterly Meeting expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them, and of their unity with him in respect of accompanying his wife Emma Charles in her proposed visit amongst us —

By the account from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting we are informed that in the seventh month last, that meeting united with Montserrat Monthly Meeting in disapproving the public appearance in the ministry of Christopher C. Hussey. —

We have received Epistles from New York Yearly Meeting

of Women Friends, held at Poplar Ridge, Cayuga County N. Y. and from Baltimore yearly meetings of women Friends, held at West-Croftingham Maryland - which have been read to our comfort and instruction - and we appointed Phoebe Foster, Martha S. Gould, Mary Davis, Marcianne B. Coffin, Mary Page, Judith Kniff and Mary E. Henry to, in case if way should be found, to send Essays of Queries to those meetings and, produce at a future sitting.

We appoint Sarah S. Paddock, Anna E. Chase and Lydia T. Barnard to prepare a summary of answers to the Queries and produce at a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree upon the names of some Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks, and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, near the fourth hour the meeting gathered.

Mary Page on behalf of the Representatives informs that they have conferred together on the subject of Clerks, and were united in proposing the names of Sarah S. Paddock for Clerk, and Mary Ann Taber for assistant, which names being separately considered are united with, and they appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

The Representative who was absent at our first sitting is now present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from our several Quarterly meetings, together with a summary prepared therefrom, which being approved, is directed to be recorded and is as follows -

Orig -

Summary.

Ans 1st. Several meetings for Worship in each Quarterly Meeting have not been sustained on account of indisposition and inclement weather — most of the others have been attended by a considerable portion of our members, whilst some have neglected this important duty which are under notice — the hour is nearly observed. Friends are mostly preserved from sleeping — clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against — no differences have come to our knowledge.

3d. Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel also to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world and to be exemplary therein themselves — yet some deviations are apparent — we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families —

4th. We believe Friends are careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, and frequenting taverns and places of public resort — also to keep in true moderation and temperance on the several occasions referred to —

5th. The circumstances of the poor are visited and their necessities relieved — their children partake of learning — the name of none placed out from among Friends —

6th. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Discipline.

7th. Friends are generally careful as far as appears in maintaining their testimonies faithfully in the several parts of this Query.

Ans 8th - As far as appears friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - to be punctual to their promises - just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances -

9th - Friends are careful to have all their marriages, births, deaths and burials, duly recorded - Not entirely clear as to Certificates.

10th - It appears in our Quarterly Meeting there has not been sufficient care taken to deal with offenders as given after - where judgment has been necessary it has been placed we trust in the authority of truth according to Discipline -

Anna E. Chase, Mercy H. Meader, Eunice B. Paddock and Anna Hussey are appointed to transcribe the Epistles for our several Quarterly Meetings.

An Epistle from Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Red-Bedar, Cedar Co Iowa, addressed to Friends of Baltimore, N. York and New-England Yearly Meetings was presented to this meeting by our own Friends, and acceptably read at this time, and much sympathy expressed for them in their tried situation.

We adjourned till nine o'clock -
The appointment Sarah S. Paddock, Judith Smith, Martha S. Gould, Anne Perry, Mary Page and Elizabeth A. Hussey to make some Extracts from the minutes, and collect if way should open for some of the Exercises of the meeting to be transmitted to our subordinate meetings -

We adjourn to the time agreed upon by next Fair.

Third day of the week and 6th of the month near the month
how the meeting again assembled.

The subject of furnishing our friends Germana Brooks
with a returning Certificate being introduced, Phoe Foster &
Martha S. Gould are appointed to inquire one in her behalf
and produce at a future sitting.

During the several sittings of this meeting our minds have
been exercised on account of the many deficiencies still exist-
ing amongst us and a lively concern has prevailed that, "we
Be not conformed to this world, but transformed by the renew-
ing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good and ac-
ceptable and perfect will of God" — that we might keep our hab-
itations in the truth — and the language has been sounded
in our hearing "To thy tent O Israel! God is thy tent," and we
have been reminded that when our race happy Israel abode
in their tents, no enchantments or divination was suffered to
prevail against them. The Beloved mothers have been
earnestly entreated to watch over their tender offspring, to keep
them from the many temptations incident to the slippery
path of youth, and to live so near the inexhaustible Fountain
themselves, as, when their children ask Bread, they may not give
them a stone," but having bread in their houses and water in
their cisterns, they may be enabled to have it forth to the re-
freshing of their souls. — the dear youth have been affection-
ately invited to bow their necks to the yoke of Christ, to let Him
come in and rule and reign in their hearts, whose right it is that
He may remove all that His holy controversy is against, then
do we believe there would be a coming up in the line of Divine
appointments, and instead of others being called in from the
highways and hedges to take away their crown, they would be
prepared to come forth and fill the places of those, who must ex-
long be called from works to reward, and some of them would

be made willing to testify unto others what God had done for their souls.

The records of the meeting for sufferings presented to this meeting by our men Friends, have been read at this sitting, and their contents with the concern manifested by that Body for the best interests of our Society, have been satisfactory to us.

Adjourned to the third hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, met pursuant to adjournment.

Lively and instructive memorials from South Kingstown M^c meeting concerning our beloved friends John and Lydia Wilbur and Thomas Foster deceased were introduced to the meeting and the shutters being raised, were read in the presence of both meetings and fully approved — and may we be incited by their example to follow them as we believe they endeavoured to follow Christ.

No other business appearing to claim our attention at this sitting, we adjourn to the time agreed upon by men Friends.

Fourth day of the week and 10th of the month. near the tenth hour the meeting again convened.

The Friends appointed to prepare a returning Certificate for our Beloved friend Joanna Almoules who has acceptably attended the several sittings of this meeting, and whose company and Gospel labors have been comforting and edifying to us, produced the following, which being satisfactory to the meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf thereof.

From our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode-Island by adjournments from the

11th of the 6th mo. to the 17th of the same inclusive 1857.

50 Fennsburg Quarterly, and New and Farnham Monthly Meetings of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Our beloved friend Gemma Knowles has been acceptably with us during the several sittings of this meeting in the performance of her proposed religious visit to this, and some of our subordinate meetings, and has produced a satisfactory Certificate from New and Farnham Monthly Meeting held in Farnham Isle the 2d of 5mo last, enclosed by Fennsburg Quarterly Meeting held at Lincoln on the 6th of the same month, both informing that she is a Minister approved among them, and expressive of their unity with her in her present religious engagement amongst us — Her company and Gospel labours have been edifying and comforting to us —

Signed in behalf of the meeting aforesaid, by
Sarah S. Paddack Clerk.

The Committee appointed at our first sitting to prepare if way should open for it, Essays of Epistles, have now produced one directed to Baltimore Yearly Meeting, which having been read, is approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward it in behalf of this —

From our Yearly Meeting of women Friends held at Newport on Rhode-Island for New England by adjournments from the 11th of the 6th mo to the 17th of the same inclusive 1857.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of women Friends held at West Nottingham

Dear Friends,

We have once more been permitted to meet together in a Yearly Meeting capacity for which we feel bound to commemorate the goodness and mercy of the Lord — and notwithstanding he has been pleased to remove standard-bearers from among us and we greatly feel our stripped and lonely condition, yet an

evidence at times is felt that we are not forsaken. But called away from all dependence upon man that we may look more entirely to Him who is Head of His own church —

and we humbly feel at this time that we have more to look to but the Lord alone, and in faith that as we become simply dependant on Him, having no will of our own, He will be unto us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption, enabling us to accomplish every work assigned us to do — and we have experienced the promise verified, that "He is a present helper in the needful time." — Much good counsel and advice has been extended to us in our different sittings — the Mothers have been encouraged to discharge their duty faithfully to their tender offspring — to bring them up in the fear of the Lord, and not only to encourage them in well-doing, but to restrain them from following after the vanities of the world. The dear youth were also affectionately exhorted to take up the cross now in the morning of their day and walk in the narrow way that leads to life.

And we have been reminded of the necessity of great watchfulness, inasmuch as the Enemy is ever on the alert to draw the mind away from simple dependence on the Shepherd of Israel, who will not suffer His sheep to be destroyed while they remain in His Heavenly enclosure — and we greatly desire that you with us, and we with you, may so dwell in the Light, as to be enabled to see the stratagems of the unmerciful enemy and be preserved both on the right hand and the left, that while we are endeavouring to maintain our Ancient testimonies in their primitive purity and simplicity, we may stand to the world by humility and consistent walking that it is the cause of Christ that we desire to espouse, and that it is for His sake, that we are made willing to suffer reproach.

Our outward testimony can be so convincing to beholders as that of humble walking, evincing to others that we have been with Jesus — and we have faith to believe that if all would see the necessity, and be made willing to live fully up to our

possessors, Thine's borders would be enlarged, and there would
 be a flocking to this society, as, "doers to the mercies." We cannot
 by doing that men who have put their hands to the plough may be
 looking back, for the Saviour declared that "such are not fit for the
 Kingdom of Heaven" - "for the Righteous shall hold on his way
 and he that hath clean hands shall ~~be~~ ^{be} stronger and stronger"

We receive your acceptable Epistle of tenth month last -
 the contents of which were edifying and encouraging to us -
 With the salutation of love we remain your sisters,

Signed on behalf of the meeting aforesaid by
 Sarah S. Paddock Clerk to the meeting this year -

We have been furnished by our men Friends with the returning
 Centenary prepared by them for our beloved Friend David P. Thayer,
 who has attended the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting and
 whose company and religious exercises amongst us have been
 truly acceptable - which has been read to our satisfaction
 and the Clerk is directed to sign it in connection with the Clerk
 of the mens meeting -

We adjourn to the 3d hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, not pursuant to adjournment, and the names
 of the Representatives being called they are all present and
 answered & seated.

An Essay of an Epistle to New-York Yearly Meeting
 has been produced and read and being approved the Clerk
 is directed to sign and forward on behalf of this meeting.

From our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New-Eng-
 land held at Newport on Rhode-Island by adjournment from
 the 11th of the 6th month to the 17th of the same inst. 1837.

To New York Yearly Meeting of women Friends held
 at Poplar ridge.

Dear Sisters,

We feel constrained by the bonds of unity and

and christian fellowship to address you, though our hands are ready to hang down at times with weakness, and we have to sit as it were ~~in~~ in the dust with ashes upon our heads crying unclean, unclean, and with trembling have to acknowledge that we have no might of our own to offer even the word of encouragement unto you, yet we are comforted in believing that the "Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save," nor his ear grown heavy that it cannot hear," but in His ^{precious} ~~an~~ ^{time} which is the only right time He will arise for the deliverance of all his true dependant children as they patiently abide in the valley of humility, having no confidence in the arm of flesh, but trusting in the Lord and in Him alone, for a ability to go forward in the work assigned unto them.

Although we are as a people scattered and peeled, as the gleanings of the vintage, two or three berries in the tip of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitless branches thereof, yet with the eye of faith, we are at times enabled to see, in it shall be a tent, and it shall return and there shall be one Shepherd and one fold, even as there is one Lord who is waiting to show Himself gracious unto us, if on our part there be but a faithful co-operation with the workings of His holy spirit upon our hearts; a willingness to enter into the stripping room to be divested of all that His controversy is against that every thing comparable to ornaments may be put away, and all that contributes to keep alive self may be laid on the cross, and our only adorning be that of a meek and quiet spirit, knowing for ourselves Jerusalem to be circled, "a quiet habitation a tabernacle that shall not be taken down," so firmly established "that not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall the cords thereof be broken, but there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams wherein shall go no galley with oars neither shall gallant ship pass thereby," nothing that makes a display or loves it, "for the Lord is our Judge - the Lord is our Law-giver, the Lord is our King, He will save us." And beloved sister's earnest has been

our solicitude for you, ourselves and the Lord's tenderly visited children, wherever scattered, that they may know of coming more and more under the sanctifying, redeeming power of the cross of Christ, and less conforming to the spirit of the world, that no root of bitterness be suffered to spring up and choke the precious seed, no envious or spiteful, that our walking may be with meekness and in the fear of the Lord.

We have received your Epistle of last month, which was to some of our dearer minds as a hawk by the way, and your affectionate remembrance of our dear young sister met with a response in many hearts, for as the Mother in our Israel ~~are~~ pass, and are passing away we do sensibly feel the increasing necessity there is for the beloved daughter to come up in the line of Divine appointment, and take their rank in righteousness, that there may be a successor of standard-bearer, raised up —

Although our annual assembly has been smaller and we have had to sit-weeping and solitary, yet we must gratefully acknowledge that the Master has been known in our midst in the healing of Buel amongst us —

Finally sister, farewell, "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, and take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand."

With the salutation of love we remain your friends
Signed on behalf of the meeting assembly

Sarah S. Paedach Clerk —

The committee appointed at an early sitting of this meeting to collect some of the exercises of the meeting and make some Extracts from the minutes, produced the following — which being read, were united with, and the Clerk directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly Meetings.

Very

Brotherhood again in a yearly meeting capacity and our dear about sisters being brought to our minds, with desires that they might in a measure, participate with us in some of the refresh-

ing seasons, not what we have seen feared, we have been constrained "to gather up the fragments" for our mutual comfort and edification, and while we have been introduced into sadness on account of these existing deficiencies, amongst us, we have been remarkably comforted in the belief that we are not forsaken by the Great Head of the Church — a lively concern has prevailed that we "Be not conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" — that we may keep our habitation in the truth, and the language has been sounded among us — "to thy tent O Israel! God is thy tent," with the expressed belief that we are to repair each to our tent, that no division or enchantment would be suffered to prevail against us.

The beloved mothers have been earnestly entreated to watch over their tender offspring, and to endeavor to guard them from the many tempting incidents to the slippery paths of youth, and they have been reminded of the necessity of seeking from Him who is the inexhaustible fountain of Wisdom and knowledge, for fresh supplies of spiritual strength, that when their children ask for bread they may not "give them a stone"; but having Bread in their houses and water in their cisterns, be enabled to hand it forth unto them, and by their counsel and advice encourage them to co-operate with that Spirit, which if suffered to have the ascendancy in their hearts will remove from them all that the Devil's Spirit has a controversy with.

Much concern has been expressed for the dear youth with an earnest solicitude that they may bow their necks to the yoke of Christ, unassuming the vanities and pleasures of a sensual world and taking up their daily cross, follow Him who hath said, "My sheep hear my voice and follow me, but the voice of a stranger will they not follow," and thus they would be prepared to come forth, and see the places of those, who must everlong be called from waters to lands, and the belief has been intimated that if they would thus yield they would be made to acknowledge that, "one day in thy courts is better than a thousand,"

they have been impressively reminded of the great danger of delaying so important a work as the salvation of their souls, and the assurance of that state has been uttered to, wherein the Lord should cease to strive with them by his Spirit, and a fear has seemed to prevail, that the gracious invitations of a compassionate Saviour, will not be many times repeated to some. But unless they be subject to the requisitions of their Divine Master, they will be called in to take their places, and the "hedge broken down" from around them, who had they been faithful, might have been trees of renown in the house of the Lord.

Devotly and instructive memories from South Kingstown 10 Meeting concerning our beloved Friends John and Lydia Walker and Thomas Foster deceased, were presented and read to our satisfaction and comfort; and the promise was begotten in many hearts, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his," now as this can only be attained unto by living the life of the Righteous, we would encourage us all to press forward in the pathway of holiness, that when it may be said, "Stand ye up thy stewardship," we may render our account with joy - having a well-grounded hope that through the mercies of God there is laid up for us a crown of Righteousness.

Notwithstanding we met together at this time under feelings of great poverty, we have to acknowledge that through the merciful condescension of our Holy Father, we have been favoured to transact the weighty concerns which have come before us in sisterly harmony, and with feelings of thankfulness therefor we conclude - purposing to meet again on this Island in the sixth month next, if consistent with the Divine Will.

Sarah S. Pardeck

Look to the meeting this year

At our yearly meeting of women Friends for New England, held at Newport on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship on first day the 13th of 6th month 1858 and on second day morning the 14th for Discipline.

Accounts have been received from our respective Quarterly Meetings by which it appears the following named friends were appointed their Representatives, viz, for Rhode-Island Catharine Mitchell, Katharine M. Boyd, Elizabeth Tall, Ruth Wood, Joanna Thripp, Phoebe Foster, Eunice Foster, Sarah S. Menyon and Ruth Menyon — for Sandwich Mary Gardner, Mercy Lufford, Mary Ann Tabor, Sarah S. Paddock, Harrietta B. Coffin, Mary S. Tucker and Alice Withers — for Salem and Dorset Mary Page, Mary S. Barney and Mercy H. Meader, whose names being called they are all present with the exception of one who was prevented by indisposition —

We have received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore held at West Nottingham Maryland, and New York held at Dr. Isaac Stodge, which have been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement, and Phoebe Foster, Judith Swift, Harrietta B. Coffin, Mary Page, Rachel Gardner, and Martha S. Gould are appointed to prepare if possible some first essays of Epistles to those meetings and produce at a future sitting —

We have in attendance at this meeting our Beloved Friends Mead Alwater with a Certificate from Haverland M^o Meeting Niagara County N^o York held 17th of 3d mo 1858 endorsed by Farmington Quarterly Meeting held at Haverland 5mo 21st — and David Heston with a copy of a minute from Nottingham and Little Britain Monthly Meeting held at Little Britain Lancaster Co Penn 7th of 1st mo 1858, endorsed by Nottingham Quarterly Meeting held at the same place the 14th of 5mo, both expressive of their being ministers in unity with them and of their unity with

their prospects of religious service within our limits, their company and gospel labors are truly acceptable to us.

We have also the company of our beloved friend Joshua Haight, who produced a certificate from Haverland Monthly Meeting expressive of his being a member in good esteem among them, and their unity with his prospect of accompanying our friend Otwell Otwell in his proposed visit among us, his company is acceptable to us.

We appoint Lydia T. Barnard Anna E. Chase, Mercy H. Meader and Elizabeth Perry to prepare a Summary of Answers to the Queries and produce at our next sitting.

Hephzibah C. Hussey, Sarah S. Paddock, Sarah Wither, Martha S. Gould, and Elizabeth Perry are appointed to collect if any should open for it some of the exercises of the meeting and make some extracts from the minutes, to be sent down to our subordinate meetings.

The Representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree on the names of some friends to run the meeting as Clerks and report at our next sitting.

We adjourn to the fourth hour this afternoon.

(Afternoon, near the time adjourned to, the meeting again assembled.

Phoebe Foster on behalf of the Representatives reports that they met together on the subject of Clerks, and were united in proposing the names of Sarah S. Paddock for Clerk and Mary Ann Tabor for Assistant -- which names, being separately considered, were united with and they appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

The Queries have been read at this sitting with answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings -- also a Summary prepared therefrom which being approved is directed to be recorded and is as follows viz.

Summary.

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by the most of our members with the exception of a few for worship on account of indisposition and inclement weather, yet a lack of engagement is evident in some, and an entire neglect in a few others of this important duty, which is under notice. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are mostly preserved from sleep, clear of other unbecoming behaviour.

Ans 2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against — and when differences arise, care is taken to end them.

" 3d. We believe Friends feel a care to bring up their under their direction in bluntness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and the corrupt conversation of the world, and to be good examples, herein themselves, yet we are sensible that deficiencies are apparent amongst us — We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends' families.

" 4th. We know not but Friends are careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and to guard against the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in true moderation on the occasional respite to.

" 5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, their children freely partake of learning, more placed from among Friends.

" 6th. We believe a care is felt by parents and heads of families, with most of the young and unmarried, that all proceedings with respect to marriage may be conformable to discipline — One instance noticed of marrying contrary to the order of Friends since our last accounts.

" 7th. We think Friends are careful to bear a faithful testimony against the payment of priests' wages, except in a few cases

— of attending meetings where there is a healing ministry.
Clear as to the remaining part of this Query.

Ans 8th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and also endeavour to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

" 9th. Marriage certificates duly recorded, births, deaths and burials mostly, not quite clear as to removal certificates.

" 10th. Some care has been taken to deal with offenders as warned and judgment placed upon it when it has appeared necessary according to Discipline.

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Nelly C. Water, Hepzibah H. Hussey, Hannah L. P. Goffe, Rachel Nichols and Eunice B. Padstack are appointed to transcribe the Minutes for our several Quarterly Meetings.

An Epistle from Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Medford, Iowa, addressed to New-England yearly meeting has been presented to this meeting by our men Friends and read to our satisfaction.

Adjourned to the tenth hour to-morrow morning.

Third day of the week and 15th of the month, near the tenth hour the meeting gathered.

An assembling together at this time for the purpose of transacting the affairs of the Church, we have sincerely felt our inability of ourselves for the performance thereof, and desires have been begotten that we might wait at Wisdom's gate to know the anointing of that life which would qualify for every work and service — that we might dig deep and dig low that we may know the mind of Truth in all our deliberations, that so our meetings might be conducted

under the power and authority thereof — and while we are sensible of our backslidings and of the many deficiencies appearing among us we have cause to believe that we are not forsaken by the Great Head of the Church, that He is still mindful of us and will as we cleave unto Him, be strength in our weakness, riches in our poverty and our present help in the needful time —

While it has pleased Him "who doeth all things well" to remove from works to rewards, them with whom we have taken sweet and walked to the house of God in company; and their loss is deeply felt, yet we are comforted in believing that there are those among us, even in the younger ranks of life who are under the preparing hand of the Lord for service, and if not married in the wheels, will come forth from the Potter vessels fitted for the Master's use.

The Records of the meeting for sufferings for the past year handed us by our Friends, have been read at this sitting and their contents with the general interest manifested by that Body for the best welfare of Society have been satisfactory to us.

We conclude to adjourn to the time agreed upon by our men Friends.

Afternoon, near the fourth hour the meeting again convened.

Although no business has appeared to claim our attention at this sitting, it has been a season of Divine favour, in which we have been visited by our beloved friends Mead Sturges and David Hester who have imparted much excellent counsel and encouragement and it is our desire that we may individually profit thereby.

Adjourned to the third hour to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon and 16th of the month, near the third hour Friends again assembled and the names of the Representatives being called, they are present as at our first sitting.

The Committee appointed at our first sitting to prepare if
 may should send for it Essays of Opposites have now produced
 some directed to Baltimore and New York Yearly Meetings
 which having been read and approved the Clerk is directed
 to sign them and forward on behalf of this meeting.

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From our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New Eng-
 land held at Newport on Rhode-Island by adjournments
 from the 13th of the year to the 16th of the same in 1865.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of women friends
 to be held at Nottingham.

Dear Friends

We have repeatedly been made to feel that times
 and seasons are in the hand of the Lord and that without Him
 we can do nothing that will promote His cause in the earth or avail-
 ously speak to a better world without a renewed qualification.

We believe we can say it has been a season of thankfulness to
 many and an evidence ^{has been} granted that we are not forsaken.

The canopy of love has been spread over us which has been
 extended to our dear absent sisters of the like precious faith, that
 love which can only be known by those who have in some measure
 passed from death unto life — but nothing is to be ascribed unto
 the creature, it is all of the Lord's mercies — much good counsel
 and encouragement has been extended to us at this time, and
 we feel to thank God and take courage.

Although we have been tried and proved at seasons to a man's heart
 yet we have anew been made sensible that the cause is the
 Lord's, and that it is He that has been turning and overturning
 in our back, striking down, until we have become as "the gleanings
 of the vintage" — and is not the language applicable, "What
 could have been done to my vineyard that I have not done it?"

When I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought
 it forth ^{more} wild grapes." and again, "I have planted thee a noble
 vine, wholly a right seed, how art thou turned into the degenerate
 plant of a strange vine unto me? — but the encouraging

language is, "Unto you that fear my name, shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings, and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall;" "The Lord of Hosts shall be exalted in judgement and God that is Holy shall be sanctified in righteousness, then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat."—

Then may we dear sisters keep on the whole armour of Faith and press forward towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ; for it is the "humble the Lord will teach of his ways, and the meek He will guide in the path of true judgment."

We receive your Epistle of tenth month last which came to our satisfaction. Meads Minister from the York Yearly Meeting and Dana Weston from your's have been acceptably with us at this time.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting
by Sarah S. Paddock Clerk this year.

From our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th of the sixth month 1858 to the 16th of the same inclusive

to the York Yearly Meeting of women Friends to be held at Poplar Ridge.

Dear Sisters,

When we are constituted in Gospel love again to address you, we have humbly to acknowledge our very great weakness, our inability of ourselves to do any thing that shall redound to the glory of God, or the building of one another up in the most holy Faith—yet we are at times more living & sensible that He who has touched with a feeling of our infirmities does mercifully condescend to pity our weakness and make bare His holy arm of power for our deliverance, lifting our heads above the billows which threaten to overwhelm us, saying to the waves thereof "peace be still."

We have not much to offer you, but just in a word to stir up the true mind & spirit of remembrance that there is no time to ~~be~~ waste, that it is time to be up and doing our duty, work in the

daytime, looking unto the Lord alone for that help we stand in need of, to enable us to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth easily beset us, and to run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

And desires have been begotten in some of our minds that there may be an increased dedication of heart with those who have set their faces uponward, and that the living remnant which we feel that there is still left with you and us, who do prefer Jerusalem above these chief things, may know a closer walk with God, a deeper indwelling of spirit; less and less conformity to the world, and a clearer sight of the snares of the enemy of their soul's peace, and that they may look to the unflinching shepherd of Israel for strength in time of battle. . . That the women which are dwelling at ease, the careless daughters may wake up, may awake to the remembrance that the war is still against those who are at ease in Zion, trusting in the mountains of Samaria, trusting in a name to live while they are dead, in the form of Godliness without the soul-sustaining power thereof, and may be enabled to arise to newness of life.

That the high-minded may fear, the weak may be made strong, the cast down look up and the afflicted be comforted, and our dear young sisters learn to bear the yoke in their youth, and that we may all go up to the house of ~~the~~ Lord together, exultantly, knowing for ourselves that "the work of righteousness is peace, and the effect thereof quietness and assurance forever."

We have been favored at this time with the company of Mead Atwater from your yearly meeting, and David Weston from Baltimore, much to our comfort and encouragement.

We have received at this time your token of sisterly affection which is as a hook by the way. With desires for your growth and establishment in the unchangeable truth, we bid you farewell and remain your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting
by Sarah S. Paddock
Clerk this year.

We are informed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting that they have united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Foster to the station of Elder.

A lively Epistle from our Friend Thomas Lammie of Chester Co. Penn addressed to this Yearly Meeting has been read at this sitting, and the contents thereof are as the savour of Life unto Life.

The Committee appointed at an early sitting to make some Extracts from the minutes and embody some of the exercises of the meeting to be transmitted to our subordinate meetings, have produced the following —

While favoured to assemble once more in this our annual gathering, we see a host of sisters have been afresh brought to our remembrance with desires that they might be partakers with us in those seasons when, we humbly trust, "He who is Head over all things to His Church," hath deigned to water the heritage to the refreshment of the hearts entitled to His Spirit — we have universally felt our inability of ourselves to transact the weighty affairs of the Church, and desires have been forgotten that we might part at wisdom's gate to know the arising of that light which would qualify for every work and service — that we might dig deep and take, that we may know the mind of truth in all our deliberations, that so our meetings might be conducted under the Power and authority thereof —

And while we are sensible of our many ~~offences~~ backslidings and of the many tedious afflictive arrangements, we have cause to believe that we are not forsaken by the Great Head of the Church, that He is still mindful of us, and will, as we cleave unto Him, be strength in our weakness, riches in our poverty, and a present help in the needful time — an apprehension has been felt, that lukewarmness too generally prevails — that though there is no lack at the fountain, yet the streams are very low, and a fervent desire was expressed that we might be willing to search out the obstructions even by the light of the Holy Spirit, so that that which is commendable to the worldish may be unweaved, and there may

be a free circulation from vessel to vessel, yet a belief has been feelingly expressed that a remnant has been in low places, being ready to cry "It is better to die, a Redeemer a I perish forever," who would as they kept low before Him receive, "Beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

The dear youth have been affectionately entreated to take up their cross in the morning of their days, for the "Lord loveth an early sacrifice," and not spend the prime of life in a vain pursuit of pleasure in the things of time and sense, lest He cease his strivings with them, or length of days be not granted them.

The earnest solicitude has prevailed that all classes among us may abide under His power, "whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem," that so "Judges may be raised up as at the first, and counsellors as at the beginning." While it has pleased Him "who doeth all things well," to remove from work to reward those with whom we have taken sweet counsel and walked to the house of God in company, and their loss is keenly felt, yet we are comforted in believing that there are those among us, even in the younger ranks of life, who are under the preparing hand of the Lord for service, and if not mended on the wheels, will come forth from the Potter, vessels fitted for the Master's use.

Which having been read are satisfactory to the meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them on its behalf.

During this sitting we have had an acceptable visit from our dear friend Nathaniel Page, who has been deeply exercised in our account.

Our men Friends have furnished us with an Essay of an Epistle preached by them for our Friends of Salem Quarterly Octy. Nov. which has been read and united with, and the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this, in conjunction with the clerk of the men's meeting.

The Clerk of this meeting is left at liberty to sign certificates which may be prepared by our Friends on behalf of our beloved Friends
 Head Abbot and David Nelson

Having been mercifully favoured during the several sittings of this meeting, with a renewed extension of Divine regard enabling us to dispose of the various concerns which have come before us, in harmony — we conclude, by promising to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Sarah L. Puddack Clerk to the meeting
 this year —

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held at Kennebunk on Rhode Island commencing with public meetings for worship on first day the 12th of 6th mo, 1854, and on second day the 13th for discipline

The clerk of this meeting being ^{about} Martha S. Gould is appointed to read the meeting at this sitting

By the accounts received from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Rachel Gardner, Mary Gardner, Mary S. Tucker, Lydia S. Randall, Mary Annister and Sarah M. Wilson. From Salem and Green Elizabeth R. Nichols, Susan Page, Lydia C. Buffum and Anna Farney whose names being called are all present except one.

We are informed by the accounts from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting that they had united with New Bedford Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Anna Maria Fuller to the station of elder and also in 12 m. last they united with Kennebunk Mo. Meeting in appointing the gift and public appearances of in the ministry of Amos B. Coffin, and with Sandwich Mo. Meeting in its appointment of Alice Miller to the station of elder.

We have received at this time a lively Epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting of women friends held at Nottingham, the reading of which has been satisfactory and edifying to us. And Mary E. Hargen, Ruth Foster, Sarah H. Hargen, Mary S. Veto, Mary Page.

Natassia B. Coffin and Ann Chase are appointed to prepare
 if way should open for it essays of Epistles to other Yearly
 Meetings, and produce at a future sitting

Elizabeth A. Hussey, Aseneth Buffington, Hepsabeth C.
 Hussey and Lydia S. Barnard are appointed to prepare
 a summary of the answers, and produce at a future mee-
 ting

The meeting adjourns to 4 o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon about 4 o'clock the meeting gathered

Elizabeth Nichols informed in behalf of the repre-
 sentatives that they had met together on the subject
 of Clerks, and were united in proposing the services of
 Mary S. Mitchell for clerk, and Mary Ann Tabor for
 assistant, with which this meeting unites, and
 they are accordingly appointed to those services for
 the year ensuing

We have received at this time two communications
 purporting to come from New York Yearly Meeting
 one signed by John King and Sarah B. Brewster and
 the other by Susannah May, - and the society's
 meeting having referred the consideration of the
 whole subject to a committee - this meeting unites
 themselves and Judith Swift, Mary Page, Anna
 Fisk, Mary S. Mitchell, Phoebe Foster, Natassia B.
 Coffin and Eliza Ann Easton are appointed to join
 our men friends in the consideration thereof

Martina S. Gould, Hannah P. Gifford Lydia S.
 Barnard and Elizabeth A. Hussey are appointed
 to collect if way should open for it, some of the
 exercises of the meeting and make some extracts

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from the minutes, to be sent down to our subordinate meeting

Adjourned to the tenth hour tomorrow morning

3rd Day of the week and 14th of the month, friends assembled pursuant to adjournment

The representative who was absent at the first sitting is now present and informs she was prevented from attending by indisposition in her family

Hetty E. Tabor, Abby L. Chase Sarah M. Kilbur Hepsabeth C. Hussey and Rachel Buffington are appointed to transcribe the Epistle for our usual Quarterly Meetings

The records of the meeting for sufferings have been presented to this meeting by our men friends, and have been read at this sitting, and their contents describing the proceedings of that body have been satisfactory to us.

The account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting that had not before reached us, has now been received and read, and the names of the representatives, who are Maria Foster, Anna E. Chase, Hannah Hall, Edige Barney, Abby E. Kenyon, Ann C. Perry, and Fannie Shipp, having been called are all present except one who was prevented by attending from attending by sickness.

This meeting adjourns to the fifth hour this afternoon

Afternoon near the time adjourned to, friends assembled

The queries have been read at this sitting with answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, also a summary prepared therefrom, which being approved is directed to be recorded and is as follows, viz,

Summary

" 1st" All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, with a few exceptions, and the most of them by a considerable portion of our members, while there are others who are very remiss in this important duty, especially in the middle of the week; the hour is nearly observed; Disorders are not preserved from sleeping; Clear of other unbecoming behaviour

" 2^d" Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

" 3^d" The heliine friends endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, yet deficiencies are apparent among us. Also to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world; and to be good examples therein themselves. And that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families

" 4th" Friends are careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and guard against the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and also to keep in due moderation and temperance on occasions of feasting.

" 5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved - some children sent to school of learning to fit them for business; some placed from among Friends

" 6th We believe most parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline

" 7th We must maintain a faithful testimony against the several parts of this query, with the exception of a few cases in one monthly meeting where the younger members of Society, who occasionally attend meetings of other denominations, also the family who have so far departed from our principles as to attend regularly a place of worship where a dissenting minister officiates, for which a good degree of labour has been bestowed

" 8th We know not but Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts; and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

" 9th Records are duly attended to, not quite clear as regards certificates.

" 10th We believe Friends are concerned to deal with offenders in the manner proposed above, and to place judgement in the authority of such as are to discipline

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Our men friends have furnished us with the report
of the joint committee of men and women, relative to
the subject of New-England Yearly Meetings, by which
it appears they have agreed the whole subject to the
meeting for Sufficiency, requesting that Body to give
a most careful consideration which its importance
seems to demand, and report its judgement to our
next Yearly Meeting.

We would like to address to the same agreed
upon by our men friends

4th day of the week and 15th of the mo. near
the 10th hour friends again convened

The names of the representatives being called
they were all present except one

The committee to prepare essays of Epistles if
any should offer for it, have now produced one to
read to Baltimore Yearly Meeting, which has
been read and approved and the clerk is direct-
ed to sign and forward it on behalf of this mee.
viz.

From our Yearly Meeting of women Friends
for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island
by adjournments from 12th of 6 mo. 1859 to the 15th
of the same inclusive.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of women
friends to be held at Nottingham

Our Friends

It is under much weakness and
fear that we address you at this time, but can
say that our warmest desire is for preservation of
an abidance on that Rock, against which nothing
can prevail, and the same feelings and wishes are
begotten in our minds for our dear absent sisters

that they rise to succour so abide upon that Rock in which alone is safety, and our faith is—that if we flee to this fortress, we shall be preserved from the enemy on the right hand and on the left, making straight steps to our feet, that these precious testimonies given us to hear may never fall to the ground.

"Except we be converted and become as little as children," said the Blessed Redeemer, we can in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

How necessary then it is,—that we endeavour to get into this childlike state this teachable state, wherein we shall be safe.

We read your acceptable Epistle of last year, which was read to our satisfaction, strengthening the bond of Christian love. — Notwithstanding we are your churches and backsliders we have at times felt during our several sittings the overshadowing presence of the Head of the Church;

O dear sisters we do feel a desire that we may more and more arise and shake ourselves from the dust of the earth, and put on the beautiful garments of Righteousness, following our noble predecessors who gave up the world and were made willing to follow the Saviour even to prison and to death; and were made willing to exclaim in their prison houses, that the bolts and bars were as precious jewels; then may we be humbled into nothingness into that dependant state that will enable us to count nothing to dear or to dear to part with for Christ-sake.

With the salutation of love we remain
your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting aforesaid
By Mary S. Mitchell Clerk this year

The committee appointed at an early sitting of the
~~association~~ to collect some of the exercises of the meetings,
 and make some extracts from the minutes, have produced
 the following which being read are united with, and
 the clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our sev-
 eral Quarterly Meetings.

viz

During some of the sittings of this our annual
 meeting our minds have been seriously impressed
 with the consideration of the nature and importance
 of the subjects brought before us, and a solicitude has
 been felt that we may so dwell under the influence
 of the Holy Spirit, as to know what is the mind there,
 and under the persuasion of this feeling, we would
 have been drawn towards our dear absent sisters, we
 trust with living desires - that they will as may
 be even a firm establishment on the only sure foun-
 dation - Christ Jesus our Lord.

Although sensible of many deficiencies
 still existing amongst us, yet with grateful hearts
 we have to acknowledge the King of ancient and
 everlasting goodness has been wonderfully spread over
 us, and we are comforted with a little hope that
 we are still under the notice and regard of Him,
 whose word is to the meeting and of David, "He
 kept my face in vain."

A little capacity has been unmercifully
 purchased to transit for the welfare of Him, and
 the welfare of our bodies, and for our desires
 have been expressed that we may individually be
 made willing more and more to submit to the
 restraining influence of the love of God, and thus
 realize the work of righteousness to be peace, and the
 effect thereof quietness and assurance forever -
 and that consolation is accorded which is
 a promise that shall surely be fulfilled.

be taken down, not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall one of the cords thereof be broken." The solemn injunction of our Holy Redeemer, "What I say unto you I say unto all Watch," has been revived in our hearing, and we desire that we may stand continually upon the watch tower in the day time, and set in our wards whole nights, and we may hear when the Lord speaks unto us and what we shall answer when we are reprimanded.

Our young friends have been affectionately solicited to yield their hearts unreservedly unto Him who died for them, that they might live, to abide attentively to the voice of that blessed Teacher who cannot be removed into a corner that He may be preserved from the vanities of the world.

They have been reminded of the precious privileges they enjoy as members of this religious society, and encouraged to cleave steadfastly to the principles and testimony thereof, that as they grow to become useful members of the Church not frustrating the hope of their older brethren and sisters, that instead of the fathers may be the sons, and instead of the mothers the daughters who through obedience and faithfulness to the manifestations of the Spirit, may be prepared for the Lord's work and service.

Notwithstanding we met together under feelings of poverty and great discouragement, we have been favored to transact the business that was come before us, not least in a spirit becoming our Christian profession, and we desire that we may so keep our habitations in the truth as to be enabled to distinguish the voice of the true Shepherd, and know what is that good and

perfect and acceptable will if God anointing us,
we conclude, purposing to meet again on this
Island in the Autumn, if the Lord permit.

Mary G. Mitchell Clerk to the meeting

this year

At our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing with public meetings for worship on Thursday the tenth of Sept^r month 1860 and on second day morning the eleventh for Discipline

Accounts have been received from our several Quarterly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are for Rhode Island Phoebe Foster, Anna C. Chase, Martha S. Gould, Nath^l Foster, Charles B. Buffinton, Rachel S. Richards, Ruth Hingew and Asenath Buffinton — for Salem and Dorset Mary Page, Mercy H. Meader, Mary M. Gore, and Thankful Hurray — for Sandwich Elizabeth H. Eddy, Mary S. Sucker, Mary F. Austin, Lydia S. Barnard, Eliza Ann Easton, Rachel Gardner, and Mary Ann Haber whose names being called they are all present.

The Clerk of this meeting being absent, Sarah S. Paddack is appointed to serve at this sitting.

A lively communication from Baltimore Yearly Meeting has been received and read at this time to our comfort and encouragement and we appoint Mary Page, Elizabeth H. Hurray, Phoebe Foster, Sarah S. Hingew, Marcissa B. Coffin, and Asenath Buffinton to prepare & read an Essay in Reply to that Yearly Meeting and others if way should open for it, and produce to a future sitting.

We have in attendance of this Yearly Meeting our esteemed Friend Caleb Gugg, who produced a certificate from Lima Monthly Meeting (Inda) endorsed by Salem Quarterly, expressing of his being a minister in unity with them, and their unity with his prospects of religious service amongst us — also the company of our esteemed Friend Thomas Lamborn with certificates from Nottingham and Little Britain Monthly Meetings, Lancaster County Pennsylvania, and Nottingham Quarterly Meeting — all expressing of their unity with his ministry and prospects of labour within our limits — their company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable.

Anna C. Chase, Martha S. Gould, Sarah S. Paddack and Mercy H. Meader are appointed to prepare a summary of Answers to the Queries, and produce at a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree upon the names of some Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks and report to our next sitting.

We adjourn to the time our more Friends may conclude to meet.

Afternoon, near the fifth hour the meeting gathered.

1. Phoebe Foster on behalf of the Representatives informs that they have conferred together on the subject of Clerks, and were united in proposing the names of Sarah S. Waddack as Clerk and Mary Ann Fisher as assistant, which being separately considered are united with, and they appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing.

We have been furnished by our Friends with the following report of the meeting for suggestions respecting the division in New York Yearly Meeting.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held at Newport on Rhode-Island.

Dear Friends

The subject of the division in New York Yearly Meeting referred to this meeting by minutes of last year has claimed our serious and deliberate consideration and we have endeavored to avail ourselves of sufficient information, by which through divine assistance to come to a right conclusion in this important matter - but this meeting is not united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting to acknowledge, as New York Yearly Meeting either of the divisions claiming to be such, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Yearly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting for suggestions held at New Bedford 4th mo 5th 1860.

George H. Read Clerk,

By which we are informed that that meeting was not united in acknowledging either body as New York Yearly Meeting claiming to

be such at present the subject has claimed the deliberate consideration of this meeting and while there are many who are prepared to give the right hand of fellowship to that Body of which James F. Oliver and Susanna Hoag are Clerks and receive an Epistle presented by them at this time, there are others who do not feel as yet ready to acknowledge them, and in the present condition of things it appears best to make the same disposition of it as our Brethren have.

We appoint Mercy H. Meader, Elizabeth H. &ddy, Martha J. Gould, Edw'd Lusk of Huxley and Trachel Nichols to collect some of the exercises of the meeting if any should open for it to be sent down to our subordinate meetings, and produce at a future sitting.

We adjourn to the tenth hour tomorrow morning

third day of the week and 12th of the month. Friends again assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Quen's have been read at this sitting with answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings together with a Summary prepared thereon, which being approved, is directed to be recorded and is as follows viz.

Summary

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and Discipline have been attended, except a few for worship owing to violence of weather and indisposition of some of our members—

The time nearly observed, mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behavior when assembled—

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against—no differences have come to our knowledge.

3d. We believe a concern is felt by most friends that their children and those under their care be brought up in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, also to discourage

unprofitable reading and corrupt conversation, yet diligence, are in some instances apparent. Friends generally exemplary herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in the families of most Friends.

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, also the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and endeavor to keep in total moderation and temperance on account of births, marriages, burials, and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning to fit themselves for business - none placed poor among friends.

6th. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline, yet a remissness in some is apparent.

7th. We believe that friends generally bear a faithful testimony against the payment of priests' wages, except one monthly meeting reports some instances of the attendance of meetings of other societies - Clear as to the remaining part of this query.

8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - endeavor to be punctual to their payments and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Friends not sufficiently careful as to records, not quite clear in regard to removal certificates.

10th. Some care has been taken to deal with offenders as required by the query - and judgment has been placed where it has appeared necessary we trust in the authority of truth according to our Discipline.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings presented by our
men Friends, have been read at this time to our satisfaction.

Helen, B. Meade, Rachel Buffum and Hannah P. Gifford
are appointed to transcribe the Epistle for our next Quarterly Meeting.

We adjourn to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, near the fourth hour Friends again convened.

During this sitting we have received an acceptable visit
from our dear friend Caleb Gregg, who has imparted unto us
excellent counsel, and may we individually profit thereby.

No business appearing to claim our attention at this time
we adjourn to the tenth hour to-morrow morning.

Fourth day of the week and thirteenth of the month near the
time adjourned to, the meeting gathered, and the names of the
Representatives being called, they are all present as at our first
sitting -

The Friends appointed at a former sitting to collect some of
the exercises of the meeting have produced the following, which having
been read, are satisfactory - and the Clerk is directed to forward
copies thereof to our several Quarterly Meetings.

viz,

While gathered on this important and solemn occasion, even
to transact the affairs of the Church, earnest have been the desires
of many that all should be done to the glory of ~~God~~ and praise of
Him who first gathered us to be a people - and in the prevalence
of that love which characterizes the disciples of Christ, and consti-
tutes the bond of Gospel fellowship, our dear absent sisters have
claimed our remembrance, and we feel to acknowledge for your
encouragement that, "the Lord hath not forgotten to be gracious unto
us, neither hath He in anger towards us (for our many backslidings)
shut up his tender mercies." He hath renewedly at times

shown himself to be in our midst, and both immediately and instrumentally, handed forth of the precious head of life, whereby our drooping spirits have been a little revived, and we encouraged to renew our confidence in Him, who is the unfailing strength of his people - great has been the exercise of some minds, on account of the declensions which are so apparent within our borders, and all have been exhorted to a greater dedication of heart - to a more full submission to the requirements of our Divine and Spiritual guide that so there may continue to be a living Church, composed of living members, of which Christ Jesus will be the Head; then have we been encouraged to believe, there will be judges raised up as at the first, and counsellors as at the beginning - who will prove Jerusalem to their chief joy."

We have been again and again exhorted to keep a single eye to the paintings of our Divine Master not leaning upon man for help - but by a deep indwelling know our habitations to be in the Lord, and by a consistency of conduct and conversation, convince others that we are not "following cunningly devised fables," but the living and substantial truth - being able at the same time to hold out to them the encouraging language of "Come hither, come sister, let us go up to the house of the Lord, to the mountain & the bed of Jacob, he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

Much precious counsel has been imparted to our dear young sisters, and they encouraged to seek the Lord for their portion and the God of Jacob for the lot of their inheritance that so they may be enabled to bear the cross, despising the shame shewing their adorning to be "not that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, but the hidden man of the heart - in that which is not corruptible even that of a meek and quiet spirit which in the sight of God is of great price -

The Committee appointed at an early sitting to prepare Essays of Epistles if any should open for it, have now produced one to Baltimore yearly Meeting, which having been read is approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward on its behalf -

From our yearly meeting of Women Friends in New-
England held at Newport in Rhode-Island by adjournments
from the 10 to the 13th of the 6th mo inclusive 1860.

To Baltimore yearly meeting of women Friends to be held
at Nottingham

Dear Sisters

Poverty has been the clothing of our minds
at the present time - yet in the ~~love~~ of everlasting love of the
Gospel, do we feel constrained to address you, earnestly craving
that you may so know your habitations to be in the Lord,
as that you may not be moved when He may see meet to
hide his face from you for a season - the Lord knoweth
them who are his and it is these who endure to the end, who will
receive the reward. The Epistle from your meeting has
been received and read to our comfort, and while our minds have
been baptized into suffering with the suffering seed scattered through-
out the Lord's heritage, earnest have been our desires that these
wherever they are, may be low and humble before the Master,
even all his appointed time, relying wholly upon Him, that
so when their suffering may be accomplished, they may know a
"being raised with Him into newness of life" -

We are bound to acknowledge that we have been humbled together
under a consideration of the tender dealings of our Heavenly Parent
towards us at this time - and in the belief that as we abide in
Him, we shall experience his arm to be underneath to support
in times of trial and of great perplexity, and realizing a truth
that, "all things work together for good to them who love God -"

With the salutation of dear love we commend you to Him
who is able to keep you from falling into the snare of the enemy,
and bid you affectionately farewell ~~in the~~ remaining your
sisters in the Lord

Signed in behalf of the meeting aforesaid
by Sarah S. Paddock

Clerk to the meeting this year.

We have been furnished by our friends with returning certificates prepared by them for our dear friends, Caleb Gregg and Thomas Lamborn, who have acceptably attended this yearly meeting, and whose company and gospel labors have been comforting and encouraging to us - which having been read and united with, and the Clerk of this meeting is left at liberty to sign them on behalf of the same.

We have gratefully to acknowledge that He, who is Head over all things to His church and people, has not been un mindful of us, during this our annual assembly, but has been graciously pleased at times, to overshadow us with his Love, and under a thankful sense thereof - we conclude - purposing to meet again on this Island in the sixth month next if consistent with His will.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk to the meeting this year.

At our Yearly Meeting of women Friends, for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island commencing with public Meeting on First-day the 16th of 6th Month 1861, and on Second day the 17th for Discipline.

Accounts have been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named to attend this Meeting, are The Rhode Island Abbe Foster, Anna E. Chase, Anna R. Fiske, Mary Chase, Sarah S. Kenyon, Lydia Mitchell, Hannah S. Nichols, and Judith S. Peckham. — The Salem and Dover Mary Page and Mercy H. Meader — The Sandwich Alice Wilbur, Judith Swift, Mary Ann Taber, Elisabeth H. Eddy, Mary J. Austin, and Elisabeth A. Hussey, all of whom are present, excepting one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Clerk not being present Martha S. Gould is appointed to serve, during this sitting.

By the accounts from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that they had united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary J. Austin, to the station of Elder.

An Epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, has been received and read at this time, to the satisfaction and encouragement of many minds: and Mary Page, Abby L. Chase, Elisabeth A. Hussey, Rachel Buffinton and Hepsibeth C. Hussey, are appointed to prepare an essay of an epistle to Baltimore, ^{or} ~~and~~ to address others, if way should open for it, and submit them to a future sitting.

Mary Ann Taber, Anna E. Chase, Anna R. Fiske, Rachel S. Nichols and Martha S. Gould, are appointed to prepare the general answers to the Queries and lay them before

a future sitting of this Meeting,

The Meeting adjourns to the hour our men Friends may appoint.

Afternoon - near the fourth hour, the Meeting gathered.

Phoebe Foster on behalf of the representatives reported that they had met together, and were united in proposing the names of Martha J. Gould for Clerk, and Mary Ann Taber for assistant Clerk to this Meeting, which being united with, they are accordingly appointed to these services for the ensuing year.

Rachel Nichols, Mary J. Austin and Lydia G. Hussey are appointed to collect some of the exercises of this Meeting, also to make such extracts from our Minutes, as may appear proper, to be transmitted to our subordinate Meetings.

The subject of the division in New York Yearly Meeting has been brought before us at this time, by an epistle from that body of which Susan Hoag is Clerk, and has claimed the solid deliberation of this Meeting; - and although many Friends feel prepared to ~~acknowledge~~ them as the legitimate Yearly Meeting of New York, yet in consideration to those who cannot see it right, at this time, it appears safest for us to make the same disposition of the case as was made last year.

Our dear absent sisters have been feelingly brought to mind at this time, and desires have been raised, that they might partake with us, in those seasons when He who is "strength in weakness, riches in poverty, and a present help in the needful time" might condescend to hand forth from His bountiful table, a portion of that food which alone is able to afford sustenance to the hungering soul, and nourish it, unto eternal life.

The Meeting adjourns to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Eighteenth of the Month, and third of the week. Friends assembled about the tenth hour.

The queries, with answers thereto from each of our Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time, together with a summary prepared there from - which being approved ~~is~~ directed to be recorded. and is as follows.

Summary

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended excepting, in a few instances where Meetings for worship, and one Preparative Meeting, were prevented by indisposition and inclement weather; although there appears a want of right engagement in some, in this important duty. The hour nearly observed. Friends generally preserved from sleep and other unbecoming, behaviour when assembled.

Ans. 2d. Love and Unity, are, in a good degree maintained: - we believe Friends are careful to guard against detraction; no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3d. We believe most Friends are concerned to bring up those under their care, in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, yet deficiencies are apparent amongst us: - Also to restrict them from reading, pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are generally exemplary here in themselves - The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends families

Ans. 4th. We believe Friends are careful to observe the several requisitions of this query.

Ans. 5th. A care remains with Friends that the circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance, should be inspected and their necessities relieved. Children partake of learning; none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th. Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are mostly careful, that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline: yet some of our younger members are not so guarded on this account. Three instances of marrying contrary to the order of friends, two of which are under notice.

Ans. 7th. We believe Friends generally bear a faithful testimony against the payment of Priests wages excepting a few cases of attending meetings of other denominations. Clear as to the remaining part of this query;

Ans. 8th. Friends appear to be careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - to be punctual to their promises - just in the payment of their debts - and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th. Marriage Certificates duly recorded, births deaths and burials mostly - not quite clear as to removal certificates.

Ans. 10th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders though not without delay. Also to place judgment where it has appeared necessary, we trust, in the Authority of Truth.

We have at this time been favoured with a visit, in Gospel love from our dear Friend Nathan Page which was very acceptable and encouraging to us.

Intercessions have arisen from off the altar of contrite hearts, that He who has been the support of generations past, and will remain to be the support of generations yet to come, would send help from His holy sanctuary, and strengthen us out of Zion, that the hands that are ready to hang down with weakness may be strengthened, the feeble knees confirmed, and we enabled to become a passing clay in the Heavenly Potter's hand.

We adjourn to the time our Men Friends have appointed to meet.

Afternoon. Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

Hephsebeth G. Hussey, Rachel Buffinton and Mary Howland are appointed to transcribe the epistle for our several Quarterly Meetings.

From our men friends we have received and read the Records of the Meeting for sufferings, which have been satisfactory to this Meeting.

We have been livingly reminded of the necessity of dwelling low, that we might know the power of Truth to be the Authority of our Meetings for discipline - and our wills lost in the Divisive will, that the Spirit of true discernment might so rest upon us, ^{that the} living child should be given to the true Father. And while we have been affectionately entreated to watch continually that no unworthy offering be presented, yet those who have been called to the Lord to labour in His vineyard, have been encouraged to follow Him, the Captain of their souls' salvation, in the way cast up before them, notwithstanding the many discouragements, in this day of deep proving.

Adjourned to the hour appointed by our Men Friends.

Fourth day morning - 19th of the Month. Pursuant to adjournment Friends again met. The names of the representatives being called, they are all present who were with us, at our first sitting.

Although sackcloth has been the chief covering of our spirits, we believe He who ever watcheth over His people and knoweth in whose hearts it is faithfully

to serve Him, hath in the plenitude of His loving kindness,
been graciously pleased to be with His suffering, dead, contri-
-ting their hearts before Him.

No business appearing to claim the attention of this
Meeting - we adjourn to two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - Near 2 o'clock the Meeting gathered.

The committee appointed at an early sitting
of this Meeting, to prepare ~~an~~ essays & epistles to other Yearly
Meetings, if way should open for it, produced one at this
time for Baltimore, which being approved, the Clerk is
directed to sign and forward it on its behalf.

The Committee appointed to collect some of the exercises
of this Meeting, and make suitable extracts from our Minutes
to hand down to the Subordinate Meetings, have produced
the following, which being approved, the Clerk
is directed to forward Copies thereof to our several
Quarterly Meetings.

Earnest have been our desires,
during the several sittings of this our annual gathering,
that He who has promised that "for the sighing of the
Poor and the crying of the needy, He will arise" would
be graciously pleased to guide us with His Counsel,
and endue us with His Wisdom, to enable us to transact the
business that should come before us, in a spirit becoming
our Christian profession; and we can reverently and
gratefully acknowledge that He has made Himself known
amongst us, from time to time, to the refreshing of our spirits and
confirming of our faith in Him, the Crown of all rightly gathered
assemblies; under a solemn sense of which we conclude purposing
to meet again on this Island, in the Sixth month next, if the Lord
permit.



At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island - commencing with public Meeting on First day, the 15 day of 6th. Month 1862, and on Second day the 16th for Discipline.

Accounts have been received, at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings, and the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are, For Rhode Island Ruth C. Kingston, Fiske Foster, Anna E Chase, Abby L Chase, Nancy B Buffinton, Rachel S Nickols, Lydia Ann Gould and Eliza G Sheffield. For Salem Mary Page, Mary S. Barney, Sarah M. Hill, and Thankful Hussey - For Sandwich Judith Swift Mary Ann Tucker Sarah S Paddock Lydia T. Barnard, Mary Ann Taker, Elisabeth H Eddy and Elisabeth A Hussey - who on being called, are all present.

By the account from Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting we are informed that they have united with Berwick Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary M Grove to the Station of Elder.

We have received and read, at this time, a ~~savoury~~ Epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, the reading, of which has been refreshing and comforting to many minds, and Martha S Gould, Rachel S Nickols, Sarah S Paddock and Mary Page are appointed to prepare an essay of an Epistle to that Yearly Meeting, if way should open for it and produce at a future sitting.

Mercy H Meader, Paulina Foster Elisabeth A Hussey and Anna E Chase are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries for a future

Abby L. Chase, Lydia T. Burnard, Elisabeth Perry, Mary Howland are appointed to collect some of the exercises of this Meeting, if way should open for it - also to make such extracts from our Minutes as may appear proper, to transmit to our Subordinate Meetings.

This Meeting is adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon - Near the time appointed, Friends again met.

On behalf of the Representatives, Phoebe Fastu informs the Meeting, that they had met together and were united in proposing the names of Martha S. Gould for Clerk and Mary Ann Taber for assistant Clerk being separately considered & united with they are accordingly appointed to these services for the ensuing year.

All the queries with answers to each, from our respective Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time, together with a Summary prepared there from, which being approved is directed to be recorded and is as follows. Viz -

Ans 1st It appears that our Meetings for worship and discipline have been generally attended by nearly all our Members. Some exceptions however are noticed in each Quarter which appear to have been in consequence of indisposition and inclement weather. The hour nearly observed. Not wholly clear of sleep. Clear of other unbecoming behaviours as far as appears.

Ans 2d. Love and unity in a good degree maintained. Most Friends appear careful to guard against detraction and where any differences do arise, endeavours are used speedily to end them.

Ans 3d. Most Friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel; while others appear less concerned in these respects. We believe most friends feel a concern to discourage unprofitable reading and corrupt conversation, and are generally exemplary herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th. It appears that Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine; also the frequenting of taverns and places of public resort:— likewise to keep in true moderation and temperance on account of births, marriages, burials and other occasions.

Ans 5th. A care remains with Friends, that the circumstances of the poor be inspected and their ~~necessities~~ necessities relieved. Children partake of learning, more places from among friends.

Ans 6th. We believe a care is generally felt by parents and heads of families, that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline; but amongst some of our younger members, too little importance appears to be attached thereto.

Ans 7th. We believe Friends are generally concerned to bear a faithful testimony against

Ans 8th. We believe Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th. Marriage Certificates duly recorded, births deaths and burials mostly. Not quite clear as to removal Certificates.

Ans 10th. A care rests on the minds of Friends to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, without partiality, or unnecessary delay as way opens for labor, and to place judgment according to discipline.

The Meeting, adjourns to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Seventeenth of the Month and third of the week - About the 10th hour the Meeting gathered.

No business being presented to claim the attention of the Meeting at this sitting, we adjourn to Four o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Pursuant to adjournment Friends again assembled.

Toward Men Friends we have received the minutes of the Meeting for suffering which have been read at this time. The continued concern manifested by them for the support of our Christian testimonies, has been very satisfactory to this Meeting.

We appoint Hannah P. Gifford Rachel Buffinton and Mary Howland to prepare copies of the Baltimore epistle for our several Quarterly Meetings.

The Meeting adjourns to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning - 18th of the Month. Near the 10th hour Friends again met.

We have had at this time a visit from our beloved Friend Nathan Page, whose gospel services were acceptable and edifying.

We have before us at this time a Minute which was directed to this Yearly Meeting by a General Meeting of Friends, for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware &c. held at Falsington Bucks Co. Pennsylvania. - Also an Epistle addressed by them to the Members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. After a ~~season~~ of serious deliberation the Minute has been read at this time. The reading of the Epistle has been deferred until our next sitting.

The Meeting adjourns to the 3rd hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. According to adjournment the Meeting gathered. The representatives being called they are all present.

We have read at this time the Epistle from the General Meeting of Friends of Pennsylvania &c. - addressed to the Members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting - which claimed the attention of our Morning sitting. The reading, & here of was satisfactory to the Minds of Friends.

The Committee appointed to prepare an essay of an Epistle to Baltimore Yearly Meeting, produced one at this time - which being read and approved, is directed to be signed and forwarded on behalf of this Meeting, and is as follows - viz

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of women Friends, to be
held at Nottingham

Dear Friends

Your acceptable epistle of
10th Month last, was received and read, and proved to some of
our minds as a brook by the way, refreshing & comforting our
souls:— and under the influence, we trust, of the same spirit which
dictated it, do we salute you, with desire for each others' advance-
ment in the ever blessed Truth. Some of us can acknowledge
that we came to this our annual assembly, in much
Poverty of Spirit—our hands were ready to hang down with
weakness—our knees to smite together for very feebleness:—
and our feelings similar to those of Nehemiah, who when
queried with by the King, on this wise, "why is thy
Countenance sad, seeing, thou art not sick; this is
nothing ^{else} but sorrow of heart." his answer was—"Why should
not my Countenance be sad, when the city, the place
of my Father's Sepulchres lieth waste, and the gates
thereof are consumed with fire?" Now is not our situation
as a Society, comparable to the remnant left of the
Captivity in his day, "in great affliction & reproach"?
But may we be engaged as he was, to build the walls of
Jerusalem and set up her gates, adopting this language
The God of Heaven He will prosper us, therefore we, his
servants will arise and build."—and were they
not favoured to accomplish the work, to the confound-
ing of their enemies, who said, "What do these feeble
Jews? even that which they build, if a fox go up, he
shall even break down their stone wall." But not-
withstanding all their discouragements, the work
prospered; and will it not be so in this our day of
trial and treading down, if we put our whole trust and
confidence in Him, who is the unfailing Helper of His
people, and are concerned to build each against his
own house, that the breaches in the walls of our Zion
may be repaired, that she may yet show forth

in her priestly beauty, the joy of the whole earth.

Then let us dear sisters be encouraged to look towards His holy temple, and oftener than the returning morning, seek for a renewal of our spiritual strength that we may know the "arms of our hands to be made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob."

With a salutation of love we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf
of the Women's Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island by
adjournment from the 15th to the 18th of the 6th Mo. 1862. by
Martha L. Gould. Clerk to the Meeting
this year.

The committee appointed at an early sitting of this Meeting, to collect some of the exercises thereof - also to make such extracts from our minutes as might appear proper, have produced the following essay, which being approved, is directed to be transmitted to our subordinate Meetings. This.

Being permitted once more to assemble together, our absent sisters have been brought to remembrance, and we are desirous that they might be made partakers of a little of that bread which has been dispensed from season to season. A concern has been expressed, that in these times of treading down, we should not refuse that which may be comparable to a brook by the way, and that we might look not to the outward, but unto Him, who alone knows what we stand in need of; and the desire has also arisen, that we may experience a being hid, as under the healing wings of the Son of righteousness - while the petition for help and strength in this time of weakness & humiliation has been offered.

We have been tenderly exhorted to labour diligently in the vineyard of our own hearts, in order that every wrong thing may be removed and ^{we} encouraged to believe that this being the case

the plant of renown would flourish and overtop every other thing; - that we should then be enabled to travail harmoniously together, and the language would be often extended to one another, Come let us go up to the house of the Lord together, and there wait for His teaching, - and great would be our peace.

We have been assured that all present, who would might come and partake of the waters of life freely.

The query to our Saviour by John's disciples, whether He was the Messiah was adverted to and He referred them to His works, saying, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame walk; - thus showing us that faith and works should go hand in hand. The injunction of our Saviour has been also reviewed, Be ye perfect - even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect, and we have been reminded that though without Him we can do nothing, yet that He does not require more than He will enable us to perform. A concern has been expressed that we might examine and see upon what we are building, that our foundation may be sure, even upon Christ Jesus, the Rock of ages - and the blessedness of this refuge in times of trial has been feelingly adverted to - under whose shadow there is peace.

Signed by direction of the Meeting

Martha J. Gould, Clerk.

Reverently thankful for the evidences of divine regard which have been vouchsafed during the several sittings of this Meeting we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island in the 6th Mo. next, if consistent with the divine will.

Martha J. Gould, Clerk to the Meeting,
this year

It is yearly meeting of women friends from
New England held at Newport on Rhode Island
commencing with public meeting for worship on first
day morning the 15th of 6th mo 1863 and on second
day the 16th for discipline

By accounts received from our several quarterly
meetings, the representatives herein named are from
Rhode Island Luke Foster, Martha S Gould, Joanna Tapp
Rachel S Nichols, and Sarah D. Kenner, and Anna M Foster
and Abby L Chase For Salem & Dover Mary Page
Sarah M Hill Mary M Gore & Anna Russell

For Sandwich Mary Ann Tucker Mary Ann Tabor Eliza
Ann Estlin and Marietta L. Coffin were named. Every
called they are all present except one who was prevented
from attending by indisposition

We have at this time the company of our friend Lydia
D Meader who produced a certificate from Scipio Monthly
meeting expressive of her being a minister in good esteem with
them and of unity with her prospects of religious service
in this yearly meeting and elsewhere, which has been read
in this meeting, her gospel labor has been acceptable
amongst us

Abby L Chase Mary Ann Tabor & Paulina
Foster are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers
to the queries and produce at another sitting

Mary S Mitchell Eliza G Sheffield Rachel S Nichols
and Mary M Gore are appointed to select some of the exercises
of this meeting, and also make extracts from the minutes
as way may open for it to be transmitted to our subordinate
meetings. This meeting adjourns to the hour men
friends may appoint

Afternoon And the 4th hour Friends again assembled

Marissa B. Coffin on behalf of the representative reports
the two companies together on the subject of duty, and were
united in proposing the name of Nathan S. Gould for clerk
and Mary Ann Gabor for assistant clerk to this meeting for
the ensuing year, whose names have been previously considered
and approved they are accordingly appointed to these services

We have received and read at this time an Epistle from
Baltimore yearly meeting of Women Friends, which was
satisfactory to the minds of many Friends

A lively Epistle from the General meeting of men and
women Friends for Pennsylvania New Jersey Delaware &c
has been received and read at this time

Mary Day Abby L. Chase Elizabeth A. Bussey and Mary
Ann Gabor and Marissa B. Coffin are appointed to prepare
Essays or Epistles to other yearly meetings, as may may
be for it and produce to a future sitting

The meeting adjourns to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

17th of the month and 3rd of the week near the time appointed
Friends again met

The queries have all been read at this time
the answers to each from our several quarterly meetings
together with a summary repeated therefrom which being
approved is directed to be recorded and is as follows viz

Ans

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline
have been kept up - excepting one for discipline and several
for worship. The law is generally observed Friends are mostly
preserved from sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour
observed

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained amongst us and detraction mostly guarded against where any differences arise endeavours are used speedily to end them

3rd We believe most friends endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel yet many deviations are apparent amongst us - also to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the worst conversation of the world and are themselves exemplary in these respects. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friend families

4th Friends are mostly careful to maintain our testimonies faithfully in the several parts of this query

5th Generally clear in the different parts of this query

6th We believe a care is felt in most friend families, that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline, yet one of our younger members was not so guarded on this account,

one instance of marrying contrary to our discipline where care has been taken

7th Mostly careful respecting the several particulars of this query - although a fear is felt regarding the faithfulness of some of our younger members

8th Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, also to be punctual to their promises - just in the payments of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th

The networks are mostly attended to some removals without certificates

Apr 10th We believe a cure is best to deal with offenders
in the manner require by discipline, though more extension
are might be useful, when judgment has been passed we
trust it has been in accordance with discipline

Mary Howland, Rachel S. [unclear] and [unclear] are
appointed to transcribe the Epistles for our several quarterly
meetings

This meeting adjourns to meet again at the time our
men friends may appoint

Third day afternoon Friends met near the fourth hour

The clerk of this meeting having informed us that she can
no longer serve the meeting in that capacity and has identified
herself with a disaffected party who have withdrawn themselves
from us and she having taken the books and papers with
her, we appoint Anna Hurrey, and Sarah M. Hill, to call on
her for the

books and to the have our men friends may appoint

Fourth day of the week and 17th of the month friends assembled
near the tenth hour

The assistant clerk not being present Sarah S. Hurrey
was appointed to take her place at this time

The committee appointed at our last sitting to call
on the former clerk for the books and papers, but
they have attended to that service, and that she is not yet
ready to give them up

We have received from our men friends the records
of the meeting for [unclear] which ^{have been read and} are satisfactory to us

Then friends in person made a motion deliberation has now
come to the conclusion, to make an alteration in that part
of the discipline relative to the appointment of members
for the meeting for sufferings and have carried it with
the minutes of that alteration which has been read and is approved
in this meeting and is as follow viz

Minute ^{as present}

The large number of friends ^{as present} required by our discipline
to constitute a meeting for sufferings, having claimed our
attention at this time in connection with the steps & condition
of society, after a time of deliberation thereon, it is
voted that our discipline in that respect be so far altered as
to provide that not less than fifteen members shall compose
that meeting and that at least, seven members be present
for the transaction of business

This meeting adjourns to meet again the
same hour our men friends may appoint

Fourth day afternoon friends again met pursuant to adjournment

The names of the representatives being called over at this ^{time},
five of them are now present

All of the committee except one who was appointed
at a former sitting to collect some of the exercises of this ^{meeting},
and also to make such extracts from the minutes as may
might serve for, have left with the disappointed party and in
consequence of which we have no report

The committee appointed to prepare essays of Epistles to
other yearly meetings have also left the meeting without
making any report

The friends named to call on the former clerk for the books
and papers have produced and forwarded them to the clerk
at this sitting

Notwithstanding our many weaknesses and shortcomings
yet we believe there is still a remnant amongst us, who feel
bound to endeavor to uphold and sustain the ancient
usage and testimonies, of this our once highly favored
Society, who make experimentally adopt the language of one
family. *For the vineyard of the Lord shall be made
desolate, the labor of the olive shall fail,
and the fields shall give no meat; the flock shall be cut off
from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stall;
yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will say in the God of my
salvation.*

Under an humbling sense whereof we conclude
ourselves to meet again on this Island in the sixteenth
next year if permitted.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England
held at Newport on Rhode Island Commencing with
public Meeting for worship on first day morning the
12th of 6th month 1864 - and on second day the 18th
for discipline.

By accounts received from our several
Quarterly Meetings, the friends named therein to
attend this Meeting as representatives are from
Rhode Island Phoebe Foster, Anna E. Chace, Lydia Mitchell
Eliza G. Sheffield and Sarah S. Kenyon from
Hallowell & Dover Mary S. Warner, Sarah M. Hill
Lydia E. Buffum and Mercy H. Meader, from
Haverhill Alice Wilbur, Elizabeth H. Eddy,
Judith Swift and Lydia J. Barnard whose
names being called are all present.

Mercy H. Meader Sarah S. Kenyon Lydia J. Barnard
Sarah M. Hill and Anna Hussey are appointed to
prepare a summary ^{of} the answers to the queries & produce
to a future sitting.

Thankful Hussey, Anna E. Chace
Judith Swift and Sarah M. Hill are appointed
to gather some of the exercises of the Meeting as they
may open for it and produce at a future sitting to
be transacted at our subordinate Meetings.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting inform that they
had united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in
the appointment of Eliza G. Sheffield to the Station of Elder.

We are informed by men friends that Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting had proposed to change the place
of holding that meeting - that which has been held
at East Greenwich in the 5th month is to be held in
future at Westerly in the 5th month and the one
heretofore held at Newport in the eighth month will
now be held at North Providence commencing in 5th mo
next.

Men friends also inform that Salem & Dover
Quarterly Meeting, had proposed to change the
place of holding their quarterly meeting - that which has
been held at Salem in the 6th month is to be held at North
Berwick the 4th 5th day in the fourth month at the
usual hour, with which this meeting unites.

This meeting adjourns to the fourth hour in the after-
-noon.

Second day afternoon near the 4th hour
friends again assembled.

Phoebe Foster on behalf
of the representatives informs that they had conferred
together on the subject of clerks and were united
in proposing the name of Anna E. Chace for clerk
and Sarah M. Hill for assistant clerk, which
being separately considered were united with
and they are therefore appointed to serve the
meeting in that capacity for the ensuing year.

The Queries with answers to each from our
several quarterly meetings, - have been read at this
time, - from which the following summary
has been compiled.

Summary.

Ans. 1st.

All our meetings for religious worship and
discipline have been attended except a few instances
Some small meetings for worship during the past year
have not been kept up. The hour nearly observed
not quite clear of sleeping. No other unbecoming
behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd)

Love and unity in a good degree maintained,
amongst those remaining with us, detraction
guarded against, No differences have come to
our knowledge.

Ans 3rd.

We believe most Friends endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, - to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, also to be exemplary herein themselves and to have the Holy Scriptures frequently read in their families.

Ans 4th.

Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in due moderation and temperance on account of births, marriages, burials and on other occasions.

Ans 5th.)

The circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance are inspected and their necessities relieved, their children fully partake of learning to fit them for business; none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th.

Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th.) Friends endeavour to be faithful to their testimony in relation to the several subjects of this query, yet there are apparent deficiencies among some of our younger members with regard to attending meetings of other denominations, on which account some care has been extended.

Ans 8th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises, - just in the payment of their debts & careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th.

Friends are careful that marriages, births, deaths and burials be recorded, not quite clear respecting certificates.

Ans. 10th

We believe a care rests on the minds of friends to deal with offenders as required by the year, yet way has not opened for much labour since our last report. Clear in regard to placing judgment.

We adjourn to the hour men friends conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Third day of the week and fourteenth of the month near the 10th hour friends again met.

Men friends inform that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have united with South Kingston monthly meeting in the appointment of Ethan Foster and Charles Perry to the station of Elders.

We have received from men friends a report of a committee appointed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting to investigate some of the transactions of the clerk and others belonging thereto and produce at a future meeting, — their report having been acted upon by men friends and they having come to the judgment that those proceedings were disordered and contrary to the provisions of our discipline, — and that Quarterly Meeting having requested that the place of holding said in the 7th & 10th months should be changed from Nantucket to New Bedford which being united with by mens meeting & having the concurrence of women friends, it is directed

That said Meeting be hereafter so held.

We adjourn to the hour men friends may conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

The records of the meeting for sufferings have been satisfactory read at this sitting.

We adjourn to the hour men friends may conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Fourth day of the week 15th.

of the month, — friends again assemble near the 10th hour.

The names of the representatives being called are all present except one who was prevented by indisposition.

The Committee appointed to collect some of the exercises of the meeting and make suitable extracts from the minutes to hand down to the subordinate meetings — have produced the following, which being approved the Clerk is directed to ^{sign and} forward copies thereof to our Quarterly Meetings.

Ux.

Under an humbling sense of our weak & strip poor condition we are again assembled in a yearly Meeting capacity, tho sensibly feeling our inability of ourselves to do any thing to the honor of the great Head of the Church — and while thus assembled, our dear absent Sisters have been affectionately brought to our remembrance, with ardent desires for their welfare and prosperity in the truth — and that they may be preserved from discouragement on account of the trying state of things now existing amongst us.

While considering the state of society this meeting was brought under deep exercise on account of the sorrowful deficiencies apparent amongst us, and particularly with regard to the attendance of meetings of other denominations by some of our younger members,

and mothers were exhorted to be faithful to their whole duty, that so they may be clear in the Lord's sight, and be enabled to return a good account when it shall be asked of them, — "What hast thou done with the lambs that were entrusted to thy charge?"

The hope was feelingly expressed that all who stood in this relation might be prayerfully engaged to know what was required of them, — seeking unto Him for counsel and guidance who is ready and willing to help us, remembering that our dear children are immortal beings, and that if we love them as our own souls, — we shall be equally solicitous for their welfare; and all were entreated to continue their efforts, — looking not too much upon the discouraging aspect of affairs amongst us, — considering that although darkness is round about us, — yet with the Lord is light and life forevermore.

Signed in direction of the meeting
Anna E. Chace Clerk.

A Truly and instructive Memorial from New Bedford Monthly Meeting concerning our esteemed friend Francis Taber, deceased, has been read at this time much to our edification and encouragement that to die the death of the righteous, — we must likewise live the life of the righteous.

Having been favoured from sitting to sitting as we believe with a measure of that wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, — with earnest desires that we may abide therein, — We conclude supposing to meet again on this Island in 6th month next if permitted.

Anna E. Chace

Clerk to the meeting
this year.

At our yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England
held at Newport on Rhode Island - Commencing with
Public meeting for worship on first day, the eleventh of sixth
month 1865 and on 2nd day, the 12th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly
Meetings belonging hither - and the representations
therefrom are from - Rhode Island Phoebe Foster
Elizabeth G. Shuffield, Asenath Buffinton, Sarah S. Kinyon
and Anna E. Chace, Salem & Dover Sarah M. Hill
Mary S. Varney, and Lydia H. Buffum, Sandwich
Alice Wilbur, Lydia J. Burnham, Judith Swift,
and Mary Ann Tucker - who being called are present
except three who rendered satisfactory reasons for
their absence.

Mercy H. Meader Mary Ann Tucker Hannah Wilbur
and Lydia H. Buffum are appointed to prepare
a Summary from the answers to the queries & produce
at a future sitting.

Asenath Buffinton Hannah Wilbur Alice
Wilbur and Mercy H. Meader are appointed
a Committee to collect some of the specimens of the
Meeting if way opens and produce at a future
sitting to transmit to our subordinate Meetings.

There being no farther business to act upon at
this sitting the representatives are requested to pause at
the close and agree on the names of persons to
serve as Clerks and produce at our next meeting.

We adjourn to the hour men friends may
conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon - near the fourth hour friends again
assembled.



The representatives having conferred together on the subject of Clerks - brought forward the names of Anna E. Chace for Clerk and Sarah M. Hill for assistant which being separately considered is united with by the Meeting and they accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries with answers to each from our several Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time - from which the following Summary has been compiled

Summary.

Ans 1st.

All our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been attended except a few for worship, those on 1st days by most of our Members, midweek Meetings not so fully attended, the hour nearly observed. Not quite clear of Sheep. Of their unbecoming behaviour clear.

Ans 2nd.

Love and unity are we believe maintained by most Friends, and detraction generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3rd.

Most Friends feel a concern to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, while a general concern is manifest that pernicious books and corrupt conversation should be guarded against. Friends endeavour to be exemplars in themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th.

Caupful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes, the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of Public resort, also to observe true Moderation in other respects as Quercia.

Ans 5th.

The Circumstances of the Poor are attended to — none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th

Friends endeavour That all proceedings respecting Marriage be conformable to discipline, yet deficiencies are apparent — one instance of Marrying out of Society not yet attended to.

Ans 7th.

Most Friends maintain a faithful Testimony against the Payment of Priests Wages and of Military Matters, Some of our young Friends are in the practice of attending meetings where there is a hired Ministry. We think clear as regards the remainder of this young

Ans 8th.

Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts — also to be punctual to their promises, just in the Payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th.

Friends not quite clear as to records, some removals without Certificates.

Ans 10th

It can exist among Friends to deal with offenders in the manner Quercia lifted, — yet way has not opened for much labour since our last report. Clear in regard to placing judgment.

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the 10th hour Tomorrow Morning.

Third day Morning 13th of the Month met near the tenth hour.

Men Friends produced the Records of the meeting for Sufferings to be read in this meeting, which have been acceptably read at this time.

No further business claiming our attention at this sitting. We adjourn to the hour men friends may conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the fourth hour, - No business coming before us this afternoon - We adjourn to the tenth hour tomorrow morning.

Fourth day Morning 14th of the Month friends again assembled near the tenth hour.

The representatives names being called are all present that have been in attendance with us at this time.

The Committee appointed to collect some of the exercises of this meeting - have produced the following poem which the Clerk is directed to furnish copies to transmit to our Subordinate meetings.

Viz.

Having again been permitted to meet in this our annual assembly, a desire has arisen that our dear absent sisters may in a measure be made partakers of that food a portion of which has through divine favour been dispensed unto us. We have been reminded that although there are many difficulties round about us, - that we should not give way too much to discouragements which can in no way tend to the advancement of the cause of truth; for the Lords arm is not shortened that it cannot save nor neither is his ear grown heavy that it cannot hear, but for the sighings and cryings of those who put their trust in Him - He would

yet arise and show forth His power. Friends have been exhorted to greater diligence, and more faithful attention to that unerring guide who is able to lead us in the way of life everlasting, and to persevere unto the end; to overcome all the discouragements, - all the temptations & besetments of our earthly pilgrimage and hold fast to the faith once committed to us, - that it is only through tribulation that we are perfected in righteousness, for whom the Lord loveth the chastener. We have been encouraged to the perusal of the Holy Scriptures as well as the writings of our early Friends, trusting that the same power may be around to sustain us under all our varied trials.

Our hearts have been brought to acknowledge as did one formerly that "it is good for us to be here", not that we would build three tabernacles, - but that we may behold one like unto the Son of God, and hear that voice from Heaven saying "This is my beloved Son hear ye Him."

Extracted from the Minutes of the meeting aforesaid

By Anna E. Chace Clerk to the meeting
this year.

Having been favoured as we believe with strength from above to enable us to transact our business from day to day. We now adjourn purposing to meet in 6th month next at this place if permitted.

Anna E. Chace
Clerk

At our yearly Meeting of Women Friends for
New England - held at Newport on Rhode Island
commencing with Public Meeting for Worship
on First day the ~~eleventh~~^{tenth} of Sixth Month 1866 -
and on second day the eleventh for Discipline

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly
Meetings belonging herts - another representatives therefrom
are from Rhode Island Ann Perry, Eliza G. Sheffield,
Phibe Foster, Sarah P. Kenyon, Asenath Buffinton,
and Anna E. Chace - Salem & Dover Frankpel Houssey,
Hannah Wilbur and Anna Houssey,
Sandwich Alice Wilbur, Lydia T. Barnard,
Elizabeth H. Eddy, and Judith Swift - who being
called are present except two both of whom have
sent satisfactory reasons for their absence.

The assistant Clerk being absent Nancy H. Meader
is appointed to serve at this sitting.

Alice Wilbur, Elizabeth H. Eddy, Asenath Buffinton
and Ann Perry are appointed to prepare a Summary
from the answers to the Queries and produce at a
future sitting.

Men friends inform that Salem & Dover
Quarterly Meeting propose to change the holding of
their meeting in tenth Month from Lynn to N. Berwick
having the concurrence of men and women friends of
this meeting

The representatives are requested to confer together
at the close of this meeting on the subject of bringing
forward names for Clerks and report at our
next sitting.

This meeting adjourns to the hour
Men friends may conclude to meet this
afternoon.

Afternoon met near the fourth hour.

The representatives having met to confer on the subject of Clerks brought forward the names of Anna D. Chace for Clerk and Mercy H. Meader for assistant Clerk - which being satisfactory to the meeting - They are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries with answers to each have been read at this time, - from which the following Summary has been compiled.

Summary -

Ans 1st.

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except one in Salem to Dover and one in Sandwich - which owing to the smallness of their numbers have not been kept up, One in New Bedford was omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather, - and a few in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting were not attended by Women Friends. The hour nearly observed friends mostly clear of sleep - no other unbecoming behaviour therein.

Ans 2nd.

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction guarded against, - no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3rd.

We believe friends have a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world. We think friends are exemplary herein themselves and that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

Ans 4th) Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, also the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort - and to observe true moderation and temperance on other occasions.

Ans 5th.

Generally clear in the different parts of this query.

6th Parents and heads of families appear careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. One case of marrying out which is under notice.

7th. We think friends are careful to bear a faithful testimony against the payment of Priests wages, except in a few cases of attending meetings where there is a ruling ministry. Clear as to the remaining part of this query.

8th

Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and also endeavour to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th

The records are attended to some removals without certificates - which are under notice.

10th

We think friends feel a concern to deal with offenders as querrice, though more timely care in some instances might have been best. No cause for placing judgment since our last account.

Men Friends produced the Records of the Meeting for Sufferings — which have been acceptable read at this time.

This Meeting adjourns to the hour Men Friends conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Third day of the week and twelfth of the month — met near the tenth hour.

Having no business before the Meeting this morning we adjourn to meet again at the time Men Friends may conclude on.

Fourth day morning met near the tenth hour the representatives names being called are all present that have been in attendance.

Having gone through the services of our several sittings in much harmony — we are about to close under a deep sense of our own weakness and insufficiency of ourselves to transact the affairs of society, — hoping the encouraging exhortations to more faithfulness in the line of our religious duties, may not be lost. We conclude proposing to meet again on this Island in sixth month next if permitted.

Anna E. Chace
Clerk

At our yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England
held at Newport on Rhode Island - Commencing with
public meeting for Worship on first day the 16th of 6th mo.
1867 and on second day the seventeenth for Discipline.

Accounts have been received from the quarterly
meetings belonging thereto - and the representatives
therefrom - are from
Rhode Island Phoebe Foster, Elizast. Sheffield,
Anna E. Chace, Sarah W. Kenyon, Asenath Buffinton
and Elizabeth Perry.

Salem & Dorset - Sarah M. Hill, Mercy
H. Meader and Lydia H. Buffum.

Sandwich Alice Wilbur, Elizabeth H. Eddy,
Lydia J. Barnard and Judith Swift, who
being called are all present except one for whose
absence a satisfactory reason has been given.

Elizabeth H. Eddy, Sarah M. Hill, Sarah W. Kenyon
and Asenath Buffinton are appointed to prepare
a Summary from the answers to the queries and
produce at a future sitting.

From Men friends we have received a Copy of
a Minute from Rhode Island Quarterly meeting
proposing the following change in holding their
Quarterly Meetings (namely) - That they may hereafter
be held as follows - at Hopkinton in the 5th
month at North Providence in the 2nd & 8th months
and at Westerly in the eleventh month. Having the
unity of Women Friends belonging thereto - this Meeting
unites with Men friends in leaving them at liberty
to hold them as proposed therein.

The representatives are requested at the close of this meeting - to confer together on the subject of bringing forward names for Clerks and report at our next sitting.

This meeting adjourns to the hour men friends may conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the fourth hour. The representatives having met on the subject of Clerks, - brought forward the names of Anne E. Chace for Clerk and Mercy H. Menden for Assistant Clerk which being united with by the meeting - They are appointed to that service the ensuing year.

The Queries with answers to each have been read at this time, from which the following Summary has been compiled.

Summary.

Ans 1st)

All our meetings both for religious worship and discipline have been attended, generally by the most of our members - except the meeting for worship at Lynn which has been dropped and a few instances in both the other quarters in which the meetings have not been kept up. The hour is nearly observed, mostly preserved from sleep, - we know of no other unbecoming behavior when assembled.

Ans 2nd

Love and unity in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No differences that we know of.

Ans 3rd.

Most Friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel. And are generally exemplary herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends Families.

Ans 4th.

Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine.

Also the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns & places of public resort, and to observe true moderation and temperance on other occasions.

Ans 5th. The circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance are inspected and their necessities relieved.

There are no children claiming the assistance of friends — none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th. Friends are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriages are conformable to our discipline — though deviations are apparent amongst us.

Ans 7th. We believe Friends are generally careful to bear a faithful testimony against the payment of Priests Wages. Obedience to the remaining part of this Query.

Ans 8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and also endeavour to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th. The records are attended to, some removals without certificates - which are under notice.

Ans 10th.

Some care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust as quakers and judgments placed according to discipline yet owing to our stripped condition deficiencies are in some instances apparent.

We adjourn to the hour men friends conclude on for tomorrow morning

Third day morning 18th of the month met near the 10th hour.

Men friends produced the records of the meeting for offerings, which have been acceptably read & united with at this time.

We adjourn to the hour men friends conclude on to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour. No business coming before the meeting this sitting, - We adjourn to the time concluded on for tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning 19th of the month met near the tenth hour.

The representatives names being called are all present that have been in attendance during our several sittings. The business that has come before us during our several gatherings being satisfactorily disposed of - Under a grateful sense of the continuation of Divine favour, to enable us to transact the affairs of society in a oneness of spirit, a concern has been feelingly expressed that we adhere to our ancient testimonies, which will enable us faithfully to maintain the standards of truth, Humbly trusting that these Mercies vouchsafed may not be lost, - We conclude purposing if permitted to meet again on this Island in 6th month next.

Ann. D. Chace Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
for New England held at Newport on Rhode
Island — Commencing with public meeting
for worship on first day the 14th of 6th mo 1868.
And on second day the 15th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from the
Quarterly Meetings belonging hereto — and the
representatives therein named are from —
Rhode Island Phoebe Foster Asenath Buffinton
Sarah S. Kenyon, Phoebe Wilbur & Eliza G. Sheffield
Halem & Dover Sarah M. Hill, Mary S. Varney
and Mercy H. Meender.

Sandwich Alice Wilbur, Elizabeth H. Eddy
and Judith Swift, — who being called
were present except three — two of whom we
prevented by indisposition.

Anna Hussey Elizabeth H. Eddy
and Elizabeth Perry are appointed to prepare
a Summary from the answers to the Queries
and produce at our next sitting.

Men Friends
inform they have received a communication
purporting to come from New York Yearly Meeting
held at Poplar Ridge, — and have appointed
a committee to examine it and propose that
we unite therein — by appointments of women friends
to aid in the examination, — Alice Wilbur
Elizabeth H. Eddy, Phoebe Foster, Sarah S. Kenyon
and Mary S. Varney are appointed to that
service.

The representatives are requested at the
close of this meeting to confer together on the subject
of bringing forward names for clerks and report
at our next sitting. We adjourn to the time
men friends conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

The representatives having conferred on the subject of Clerks - propose the reappointment of Anna E. Chace for Clerk and Mercy H. Meader for assistant which being united with they are appointed to serve for the ensuing year.

The Queries with answers to each from our several Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time, from which the following Summary has been compiled.
* The Summary by mistake was omitted in its proper place.

We adjourn to the hour Menfriends meet tomorrow morning.

Third day morning met near the 10th hour.

Menfriends inform they were united in reading the Epistle purporting to come from New York yearly meeting held at Poplar Ridge and with the concurrence of Womenfriends propose to put it on file - with which this meeting unites, it having been acceptably read in this meeting.

We adjourn to the hour Menfriends meet this P. M.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

Men Friends brought in the records for the meeting for sufferings - which have been acceptably read at this time.

We adjourn to the hour appointed by menfriends for tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning 17th of the month met near the 9th hour.

The representatives names being called are all present except two.

Summary — 1868.

Ans 1st)

All our meetings for religious Worship and Discipline have been attended except in a few instances No women present. The hour nearly observed, — Mostly Clear of sheep. No other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd

Love and unity in a good degree maintained. Detraction guarded against, — No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3rd

Most friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, also to discourage unprofitable reading and corrupt conversation, and are generally exemplary herein themselves.

The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, also the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to observe true moderation and temperance on other occasions.

Ans 5th

There are none among us needing pecuniary assistance, — and none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th

Most Parents and Heads of families with the young and unmarried endeavour to conform to the requisitions of this query, — Some instances of keeping company and marrying out of society, — which require attention.

Ans 7th)

Friends are generally careful to bear a faithful testimony against the payment of Priests wages. Clear as to the remaining part of this Query.

Ans 8th) Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts — and also endeavour to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th)

Friends are careful as to records and certificates.

10th)

Some care remains with Friends to deal with offenders as Quakers after — in order that judgment may be placed when necessary in the authority of truth according to discipline.

The business that has come before us during our several sittings being satisfactorily disposed of — Under the weight and solemnity of which — we propose to adjourn — purposing to meet again on this Island in 6th mo. next if permitted.

Anna E. Chase Clerk

At our yearly Meeting of Women Friends for
New England held at Newport on Rhode Island —
Commencing with Public Meeting for worship on
first day the 13th of 6th mo. 1860. —
and on second day the fourteenth for discipline.

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly
Meetings belonging hereto, — and the representatives are
from Rhode Island Phoebe Foster, Eliza G. Sheffield,
Anna E. Chace, Lydia Mitchell, Ann Perry and
Catherine R. Boyds, — Salem and Dove
Sarah M. Hill, Mary S. Varney, Mercy H. Meader.
Sandwich Elizabeth H. Eddy & Lydia T. Barnard,
all being present except two both of whom were prevented
by indisposition.

Alice K. Thur, Elizabeth H. Eddy
and Mercy H. Meader are appointed to prepare
a Summary from the answers to the Queries and
produce at our next sitting.

The representatives are requested at the close
of this meeting to confer together on the subject of
bringing forward names for Clerks and report
at our next sitting.

We adjourn to the hour men-
friends conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

The representatives having conferred on the
subject of Clerks — propose the reappointment of
Anna E. Chace for Clerk and Mercy H. Meader
for assistant which being united with they are
appointed to serve for the ensuing year.

The Queries with answers to each have been
read at this time from which the following
Summary has been compiled.

This Meeting adjourns to the hour men friends conclude on for tomorrow morning.

Third day morning 15th of the mo met near the 10th hour. Men friends produced the records of the meeting for sufferings for our perusal — which have been acceptably read and united with in this meeting.

We adjourn to the hour men friends propose to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour. No business claiming our attention at this sitting. We adjourn to the time appointed by men friends to meet tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning met near the 9th hour. The representatives names being called are all present except one.

Summary.

Ans 1st.

All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended by the most of our members when of ability to attend, except some of both owing to inclement weather and indisposition of members. The hour nearly observed mostly clear of sleeping. Clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd

We believe that love and unity are maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3rd)

Most friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, — also to discourage unprofitable reading and corrupt conversation, and are generally exemplary in themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th)

Friends are careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes and to avoid unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort— and to keep in true moderation on the occasions referred to.

Ans 5th)

The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved, all children partake of learning— and none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th.) We believe that most parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriages are conformable to our discipline, — yet there have been some instances of marrying contrary to the order of friends.

Ans 7th) We think friends are generally careful to bear a faithful testimony against the payment of Priests wages. Clear as to the remaining part of this query.

Ans 8th)

We believe friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises— just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th) The records are attended to— no removals without Certificates.

Ans 10th)

Care remains with friends to deal with offenders as queried, also to place judgment in the authority of truth— yet way has not opened in all cases to fulfil the requirements of discipline.

No business claiming our attention
to

Having been enabled though in much weakness
to transact the business of this meeting, - we have reverent-
ly to acknowledge having been favoured with some
of the crumbs which have fallen from the table of
Him who careth for the Sparrow; - and under
this feeling - we conclude - intending if permitted
to meet again at this place at the usual time
in 6th month next.

Anna E. Chace Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for
New England - held at Newport on Rhode Island
Commencing with public meeting for worship on first
day the 12th of 6th month 1870 - and on 2nd day
the 13th for Discipline.

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly
meetings belonging hereto, - and the representatives are
from Rhode Island Lydia H. Foster, Ann Perry, Catherine F. Boyd,
Phebe Foster and Asenath Buffinton.

Dorset & Dover

Sarah M. Hill, Thankful Huxsey
and Mercy H. Meader.

Sandwich

Alice Wilbur & Lydia T. Barnard
who being called are all present except two both
prevented by indisposition.

Asenath Buffinton
Thankful Huxsey and Ann Perry are appoint-
ed to prepare a summary from the answers to the
queries and produce at our next sitting.

We adjourn to the hour men friends propose for
this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the fourth hour.

The representatives having conferred on the subject of Clerks propose the reappointment of Anna E. Chase for Clerk and Mercy H. Meader for assistant which being united with by the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries with answers to each as descriptive of our present state of society have been read at this time from which the following Summary has been compiled.

We adjourn to the hour men friends conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Third day morning met near the 10th hour.

Men Friends informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting had united with South Kingston monthly meeting in approving the public appearance of John W. Foster in the Ministry. They have also produced the records of the meeting for Suffringes accompanied by an address to the rights concerned members of the society of Friends, which have been acceptably read and united with in this meeting.

We adjourn to the hour proposed by men friends for this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the third hour. No business coming before us at this sitting, we adjourn to the time appointed for tomorrow morning.

Summary.

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and Discipline have been attended with a few exceptions on account of smallness of numbers and indisposition in friends families, the hour nearly observed, mostly clear of sleep, no other unbecoming behaviour.

2nd) Love and unity appear to be maintained and detraction guarded against, no differences that we know of.

3rd) Friends are endeavouring to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation of the world, and also to be good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th.) We believe friends are careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicine, also to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort, and to observe moderation on other occasions referred to.

5th) Friends are careful in the several particulars of this query.

6th) We believe that most friends are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, yet there are some deviations in this respect.

7th) We believe friends maintain a testimony against the payment of tithes &c, and also in the remaining portions of this query.

Ans 8th)

Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; are punctual to their promises just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th)

Careful as to records, mostly clear in regard to removal certificates.

10th)

A concern remains with friends to deal with offenders as required and also to show judgment in the authority of Church according to discipline, — yet delays are apparent among us.

Fourteenth day morning 15th of the month met near the 9th Hour.

The representatives names being called are all present except two who were prevented by indisposition.

Having been favoured to transact the concerns which have come before us — and to bring them to a satisfactory close, We conclude postponing to meet again on this Island in 6th Mo. next if permitted.

Anna E. Chase Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of Women - Friends for New England
held at Newport on Rhode Island, — commencing
with Public Meeting for Worship on first day 11th of 6th mo 1871.
and on 2nd day the 12th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly Meetings
belonging hitherto — and the representatives are from —
Rhode Island Phoebe Foster, Anna E. Chace, Abielman R. Foster,
Ann Perry, Catherine H. Boyd, and Elizabeth J. Sheffield.
Tales of Dover Sarah W. Butler, Mary T. Varney and
and Sarah M. Hill.

Sandwich Alice Wilbur and Lydia J. Barnard
who being called are all present except one who was
prevented by indisposition.

Abielman R. Foster, Lydia H. Foster & Sarah M. Hill
are appointed to prepare a Summary from the answers
to the queries and produce at our next sitting.

The representatives are requested to stop at the close
of this meeting and confer on the subject of bringing
forward names of persons for clerks and report
at our next sitting.

We adjourn to the hour our friends propose for this
afternoon.

Afternoon met near the fourth hour.

The representatives having conferred on the subject of
clerks — propose Anna E. Chace for clerk and Abielman R. Foster
for assistant with which the meeting unite and they
are accordingly appointed to that service for the
ensuing year.

The Queries with answers to each - as descriptive of our present state of Society - have been read at this time, - from which the following Summary has been compiled.

We adjourn to the hour proposed by Men Friends for tomorrow morning.

Third day morning 13th of the month met near the tenth hour.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings have been presented to be read in this meeting - which have been acceptable & satisfactory read at this time.

No further business coming before us at this sitting, we adjourn to the time Men Friends conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the fourth hour.

The representatives names being called are all present except one who was prevented by indisposition.

No further business claiming our attention during this our annual gathering - We close under a deep sense of our own inability to discharge the duties devolving upon us, acceptably - We reverently feel thankful that we have been preserved in a measure to adhere to first principles and have at this time been renewedly admonished to press forward with increased fervency of spirit, - "Whereunto we have attained let us walk by the same rule and mind the same thing in subjection like clay in the potter's hands under the guidance of the true Shepherd into the one fold."

We adjourn purposing to meet again on this Island in the month of February if permitted.

Anna C. Chase.

Clerk

Summary 1871

Ans 1st)

All our meetings both for religious worship and Discipline have been held except a few prevented by indisposition in friends families in one quarterly meeting and in another quarter two of its meetings for worship have not been kept up. The hour nearly observed, Most the reserved from sleep, No other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd)

We believe that love and unity are maintained amongst us, and that detraction is guarded against; No differences that we know of.

Ans 3rd)

Most friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel also to discourage unprofitable reading and corrupt conversation and are generally exemplary herein themselves.

The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th)

Friends are careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medical purposes, and to guard against the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort: and to observe true moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to.

Ans 5th)

The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. All children partake of learning to fit them for business, - none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th)

We believe that most Parents and Heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage are conformable to our discipline, - yet there have been several instances of marrying contrary to the order of friends.

Ans 7th)

We believe that Friends are generally careful to bear a faithful testimony against the payments of Priests wages. Clear as to the remaining part of this query.

Ans 8th)

Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, — and also endeavour to be punctual to their promises — first in the payments of their debts, — and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th)

We believe Friends are careful in regard to records, No friends removed from or come amongst us without certificates.

Ans 10th)

Some concern is felt to deal with offenders (we trust) in the spirit required by discipline and to place judgment when thought necessary in the authority of truth yet way has not opened in all cases to fulfill the requirement of our discipline.



At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in England held at New Port on Rhode Island, - Commencing with public meeting for worship on Saturday 11th of 1872. And on Sunday the 17th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly Meetings belonging hereto and their representatives as follows.

Wendell, Anna Maria Foster, Ann M. Foster, Menck Buggins, Lydia M. Foster, Lydia M. Foster and William E. Foster.

Valencia Davis, Mary J. Pring, Lydia E. Buggins Thankful Hupsey, and Sarah M. Hill.

Sandwich Susan H. Smith and Alice Wilbur - who are all present except one.

Martha Foster, Thankful Hupsey and Sarah M. Hill are appointed to prepare a Summary from the answers to the queries and present at our next sitting.

The representatives are requested to stay at the house and confer on the subject of electing your assistants of persons for Clerks and report at our next sitting.

We adjourn to the Men Friends propose for this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the fourth hour.

The representatives having conferred on the subject of electing assistants appointed of Anna E. Chace for clerk and William E. Foster for assistant with which the meeting unites and they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The queries with answers to each as descriptive of our present state of society have been read from which the following summary has been compiled

Summary Answers.

(Ans 1st) All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended with a few exceptions.

We have nearly observed. Most of the day, no other unbecoming behaviour.

(Ans 2nd) Love and unity in a good degree maintained, detraction suspected against no differences have come to our knowledge.

(Ans 3rd) We believe friends endeavour to be careful as to shunning, pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world and to be good examples therein themselves. The Holy scriptures are frequently read in their families.

4th) Friends are careful to enjoin the use of spirituous to medicinal purposes, - and to guard against the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort and also to keep in due moderation on the occasions referred to.

5th) The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. We have no children claiming assistance, and none placed from among friends.

6th) Most parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with regard to marriage be conformable to our discipline. No instance of marrying out since our last accounts.

7th) We think friends generally are careful to bear a faithful testimony against the payment of Ministers wages. There is the remaining part of this Query.

8th) We believe that friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and

Careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th) Friends are careful to have all their marriages
births deaths and burials duly recorded.

None removed without certificates.

10th)

In consequence of the smallness of our numbers,
offenders have not been dealt with in accordance
with our discipline since our last accounts.

We adjourn to the Four Men Friends conclude
to meet tomorrow morning.

Third day morning 18th of the Month meet
near the 10th Hour.

The representatives names being called
are all present at this sitting.

The records of the meeting for sufferings having
been presented for our perusal — The reading thereof has
been satisfactory to us.

Having disposed of the business before us satisfactorily
we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island,
in 6th month next if permitted.

Anna B. Chase
Chase

At our yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England
held at Westport on Rhode Island - Commencing with
public meeting for worship on first day 15th of 6th mo 1873.
and on second day the 16th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly
Meetings belonging hereto - and the representatives therein named
as from Rhode Island Phoebe Foster, Eliza G. Sheffield,
Anneth Buffinton and Anna E. Chace.
Helen D. Love Lydia E. Buffum, Thankful Haysen,
and Mercy H. Meader.

Sandwich Alice Wilbur and Elizabeth H. Eddy.
Two of whom were prevented being present by indisposition
and one by death in her family.

Lydia T. Barnard and Thankful Haysen are
appointed to prepare a Summary from the answers
to the Queries to present at our next sitting.

The representatives are requested to stop at the
close of this meeting to confer on the subject of bringing
forward names of persons for thank's and report
at our next sitting.

We adjourn to the hour men-
friends conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

The representatives having met on the subject of
thanks propose the reappointment of Anna E. Chace
for clerk and Abigail R. Foster for assistant with which
the meeting unite and they accordingly appointed
so that service the ensuing year.

The Queries with answers to each, as description of our present state of society—have been read from which the following Summary has been compiled.

Summary Answers.

Ans 1st) All our meetings both for religious worship & discipline have been held—with a few exceptions on account of the smallness of our numbers and indisposition—and one for worship which was omitted in consequence of the imp. of the state of the roads by snow. The hour is observed, mostly preserved from sleep, no unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd) Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No differences appear among us.

2nd) 3rd) Most friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation of the world, and to be exemplary there in themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th) Friends are careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes; to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort, & to keep in true moderation on the occasions referred to.

5th) The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved, no children claiming assistance, and none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th) We believe most friends are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, yet there are some deviations in this respect.

ans 7th)

We believe friends maintain a testimony against the payment of Puerto Wages, and also in the remaining portions of this query.

ans 8th)

Clear as far as appears.

9th)

The records are attended to, — No removals with certificates since last year.

ans 10th)

Friends feel a care that offenders should be dealt with as required by discipline, and to place judgment accordingly; but way has not opened for dealing consequently no judgment has been placed since our last account.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings have been presented to be read at this time ^{which} have been satisfactory to the Meeting.

There being no further business to claim our attention at this sitting — we adjourn to the hour men friends conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Third day morning, 17th of the month met near the 9th hour. The representatives names being called are all present except three whose absence was reported at our first sitting.

Having once more been enabled — we trust, through Divine assistance to transact the affairs of our General Assembly and being again removed by admonished of the uncertainty of time to us, — May we all be encouraged to more faithful and perseverance toward the mark & for the prize of the high and holy calling of God in Christ Jesus. We adjourn to meet again on this Island in 6th month if permitted. Anna E. Chace

At our Weekly Meeting of Women Friends for
New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island,
commencing with public Meeting for Worship
on first day the 14th inst. 1874. and on second
day morning the 15th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly
Meetings belonging hereto — and the representatives
therein named are from

Rhode Island: Abbe Foster, Ann Perry, Catharine A. Boyd,
Lydia Mitchell, Almira R. Foster & Anne A. Foster;

Salem: H. Tower, Lydia C. Buffum, and Thelma P. Hays;
Sandwich: Lydia T. Barnard, Elizabeth H. Eade and
Alice Wilbur, — who being called are present except one.

Lydia T. Barnard, Asenath Buffinton & Ann Perry
are appointed to prepare a Summary from the answers
to the queries and present it at our next sitting.

The representatives are requested to stop at the
close of the meeting to confer on the subject of bringing
forward names of persons for clerks and report at
our next sitting.

We adjourn to the hour mentioned concluded to meet
this afternoon.

Afternoon Meeting at the 4th hour.

The representatives having met on the subject of Clerks
opened the names of Ann Perry for clerk and Thelma
P. Hays for assistant which this meeting voted with &
they are accordingly appointed to that service for the
year ensuing.

The Queries with answers to each — description of our present
state — as received from each of our quarterly meetings have
been read at this time — from which a Summary
has been compiled.

The Records for The Meeting for Sufferings have been read at this time and are satisfactory to the meeting.

Having no further business to claim our attention at this sitting we adjourn to the time our Men friends conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Third day morning 16th of the month met near the ninth hour.

The representatives names being called are all present.

Men Friends propose to change the hour for holding the select meeting on seventh day before generally meeting - from the ninth to the eleventh hour - which this meeting unites with.

General Answers.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended by most of our members who are able to attend except a few meeting for worship. The hour is observed. Friends endeavour to guard against sleeping. No other unbecoming behaviour noticed.

2nd Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and distractions generally prevented against no differences are apparent amongst us.

3rd

Most Friends have endeavoured to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel - to discourage them from unprofitable reading and corrupt conversation of the world - and to be exemplary therein themselves.

We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th Friends are careful as regards spirituous liquors, in the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort - Moderation and temperance in the remaining parts of this query.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. No children claim assistance - and none placed poor among friends.

6th We believe most friends are careful that all proceeding with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline yet there are some deviations in this respect.

7th We believe friends maintain their testimony against the payment of Priests wages, and also in the remaining requirements of this query.

8th Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, in pursuance of their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Careful as to records, neatly & conveniently to removal certificates.

10th Friends feel a care to deal with offenders in the manner queried - but we believe not so seasonably with all as would be best. No judgements has been placed since our last accounts.

Having disposed of the business before us in a satisfactory manner we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island in the 6th month if permitted.

Wm Perry
Churk

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-
England held at Newport on Rhode Island
commencing with public meeting for worship on
first day 13th of sixth month 1875, and on 2^d day
morning 14th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly Meetings
belonging hereto, and the representatives therein
named are from

Rhode Island Phoebe Foster, Asenath Buffington
Sarah G. Kempton, Eliza G. Sheffield and Phoebe Wilbur,
Dana and Dover. Martha H. Hussey & Martha H. Leader
Sandwich Alice Wilbur and Mary Booth. whose
names were called on present except one.

Lydia T. Barnard, Mercy L. Leader and Elizabeth Perry
are appointed to prepare a summary from the answers
to the queries and present at our next sitting.

The representatives are requested to stop at the close
of this meeting to confer on the subject of bringing
forward names of persons for clerks and report at our
next sitting.

We adjourn to the hour our men friends conclude
to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

The representatives having met on the subject of clerks
nominated the name of Sam Perry for clerk and
Thankful Hussey for assistant clerk which this meeting
united with and they are accordingly appointed to
that service for the year ensuing.

The queries with answers to each descriptive of our present
state as received from each of our Quarterly Meetings
have been read at this time from which a summary has
been compiled.

Having no further business to claim our attention at this time, sitting we adjourn to the time our men friends may conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Today morning 13th of the month, not recording to adjournment.

The representatives names being again called are all present that were at the first sitting.

The records of the meeting for sufferings have been read at this time and are satisfactory to this meeting.

Having disposed of the business before us satisfactorily, we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island in the 6th month next if permitted.

Ben. H. & Co.

Summary

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended with a few exceptions, on account of smallness of numbers, the severity of the weather, and indisposition in Friends families. The hour, nearly observed, mostly clear of sleep; no other unbecoming behavior.

2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us, and detraction generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

3rd Careful in regard to the several particulars of this query.

4th No Friends amongst us, needing assistance. No children placed from among Friends.

5th We believe that most parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all

proceedings with respect to marriage, be conformable to discipline, yet there has been some deficiency in this respect.

7th We believe Friends maintain a testimony against the payment of priests wages, and are also careful in respect to the remaining portion of this query.

8th We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th The records are attended to — one removal without certificate

10th Friends feel a concern that offenders should be dealt with according to discipline. No instance of placing judgment since our last account.

At our yearly meeting of Women Friends for New England
held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing with
Monday the 11th day of September
1871 and adjourned beginning the 12th for adjournment

decided to have an annual convention the following meetings
to be held at Newport and the representation from several
societies.

Those present from N. E. Friends, Anne Perry, Susan M. Miller,
Elizabeth A. Smith and Anne L. Chase,
Fairbank and Dover. Thankful Gosses and Elizabeth Heaster.
Sandwich Alice Wilbur, Lydia A. Barnard and Mary
Booth whose names being called are all present.

Elizabeth Perry, Lydia A. Barnard, Elizabeth Gosses
and Martha Foster are appointed to prepare a summary
of the answers and produce at our next sitting.

The representatives are requested to stop at the close of
this meeting to confer on the subject of bringing
second names of persons for clerks and report at our
next sitting.

We adjourn to the Women Friends conclude to
meet this afternoon.

Adjournment will be on the 11th day.

The representatives having been on the subject of clerks
proposed to reappoint Anne Perry for clerk and Thankful
Gosses for assistant clerk which is agreed upon by this
meeting and they are accordingly appointed to that
service for the year ensuing

The records with names have been supplied for immediate
use and a number of our Society's papers have been read
at this time from which the following summary has
been compiled.

No further business claiming our attention at this time or adjourn to the two men "Friends" may assemble at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

3 day Morning 13th of the month met near the 10th hour.

The representatives names being again called they are all present.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings have been read at this time, and are united with by this meeting.

Having disposed of the business which has come before us satisfactorily we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island in the sixth month next if permitted.

Ann Perry Clerk.

Summary

Ans. 1st All our religious meetings for worship and discipline have been duly attended, except the only one which was at Little Compton, and a few which were omitted on the account of ^{the} sickness of members, and the inclemency of the weather. The town has been nearly closed. Mostly freed from debt, no other untoward behavior when assembled.

Ans. 2nd Peace and unity appear to be maintained and contention guarded against; no difference have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3rd We believe Friends endeavor to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, to restrain them from dissipated pastimes, and from the corrupt conversation

of the world, and to be exemplary therein themselves.
We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in
Friends families.

Ans 4.th We believe Friends are generally careful to maintain
our testimony faithfully, in the several parts of this query.

Ans 5.th There are none among us who need assistance;
children partake of learning. None placed from
among Friends.

Ans 6.th We believe most Friends are careful that all
proceedings with respect to marriage are conformable
to discipline. There has been one instance of marrying
out of our society.

Ans 7.th Careful in regard to the several particulars of
this query.

Ans 8.th Friends are careful as far as appears, to inspect
their affairs and settle their accounts; to be punctual
to their promises, just in the payment of their debts;
and careful to live within the bounds of their
circumstances.

Ans 9.th Clear respecting records. One removal without
certificates.

Ans 10.th Friends feel a concern that all dealing be in
accordance with the discipline; but on 2nd July
reports that way has not opened for dealing, or
placing judgment since their last account.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England
at 12 o'clock a P.M. Friends commencing with
the meeting for worship on First day 10th of sixth
month 1877 and on second day morning the 11th for
discipline.

Accounts have been received from the Quarterly Mtgs
of the friends and the expressions therein
received are as follows

Rhode Island Phoebe Foster Ann Perry Malma R.
Foster Eliza G. Sheffield, Lydia Mitchel and
Jan. C. Chase

Waltham and Dover, Lydia E. Buffum and Frankful Hussey

Wendwich Alice Wilbur and Lydia T. Barnard.

whose names being called two are absent - both
of whom were prevented from attending by sickness
in their families.

Charles Perry, Elizabeth K. Eddy and Mercy Meade
are appointed to prepare a summary from the answers
to the queries and produce at a future sitting

The representatives are requested to stop at the
close of this meeting to confer on the subject of
bringing forward names of persons for clerks
and report at our next sitting.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, near the 4th hour friends again
assembled.

The representatives having conferred on the subject
of clerks propose the reappointment of Ann Perry
for clerk and the appointment of Malma R. Foster
for assistant clerk which is united with. By this

meeting they are therefore appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The queries with answers to each, descriptive of our present state of society as received from each of our Quarterly meetings have been read at this time from which a summary has been compiled.

No farther business claiming our attention at this time we adjourn to the time our men friends may conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

3 day morning, the 12th of the month met, near the 10th hour.

The representatives names being again called are all present who were in attendance at our first sitting.

The records of the meeting for sufferings were laid before us at this time and having been read is united with by this meeting.

We adjourn purposing to meet again on this in 6th month next if permitted.

Wm. Bay Clerk.

Summary

Ans¹ All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except a few for worship those on first days by most of our members midweek meetings not so fully attended; the room nearly observed mostly clear of sleep of other unbecoming behavior clear.

Ans² Love and unity are we believe maintained detraction guarded against; No differences that we know off.

Ans 3^d Most friends feel a concern to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel; to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation of the world and endeavour to be exemplary herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th Careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine; the unnecessary frequency of of taverns and places of public resort and also to keep in time moderation and temperance on other occasions.

Ans 5th Then no friends amongst requiring assistance. No children placed from among Friends.

Ans 6th Friends and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings in regard to marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans 7th We think Friends are careful to bear a faithful testimony against the payment of Priests wages. Clear as to the remaining parts of this query.

Ans 8th We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th records are attended to; no removal without certificate.

10th Friends feel a concern that offenders should be dealt with according to discipline. There has no instance of placing judgment since our last account.

On the 11th of May, the meeting of the Union Friends for the Conference
at the Church in Rhode Island commenced with
prayer and singing for 10 minutes on Tuesday 16th of the
month. At 10 o'clock on Tuesday the morning of 17th for
discipline.

Minutes have been received from each of the
congregations belonging to the Unitarian Church in
Rhode Island. The names of the members of the
Rhode Island Unitarian Church are: Anna Perry, Sarah
Ann D. Thomas and Abigail R. Foster.

Thank you for the names of the members of the
Rhode Island Unitarian Church.

The names of the members of the Rhode Island Unitarian Church
whose names being called are present except one
who was prevented from attending by indisposition.

Elizabeth H. Eddy, Lydia S. Burnard and Frank
Hussey are appointed to prepare a summary from
the answers to the queries and produce to a future
sitting.

The representatives are requested to stop at the
close of this meeting to confer on the subject of bringing
forward names of persons ^{for clerks} and to report at our next
sitting.

The representatives having conferred together on the subject
of clerks propose the reappointment of Ann Perry for
clerk and Abigail R. Foster for assistant-clerk
and to be united with by the meeting. The
meeting appointed to act on the subject for the
ensuing year.

The minutes were reviewed to such description of
our present state of society as received from each
of our Quarterly Meetings have been read at
this time from which a summary has been
compiled

No farther business claiming our attention at this
time we adjourn to the time our men friends
may conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Third day morning 18th of the month met
according to adjournment.

The records of this meeting were again called on
all present who have been in attendance.

The records of the meeting for sufferings were
read in this meeting.

We adjourn proposing to meet again on this
island in the 6th month next if permitted
Ann Peary Clark

4th

- This 1st All our meetings for religious worship and
social intercourse were held at the same place
Little Compton and one in Salem and Dover
Quarterly Meetings; the same nearly observed; clear
of sickness or other undecorous behavior when
assembled.
3. Some friends have care to bring up their children
in the way of speech behavior and a special
care to the same in profitable reading and
some of conversation being exemplary herein themselves.
The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in
the same families.

Ans 2^d True and usually applied, maintained
with one exception. Rhode Island Friends hold
where a difference has arisen; detracting, mostly
guarded against.

Ans 4th Friends are careful to maintain our
testimony in the several parts of this query.

Ans 5th Clear in the several parts of this query.

6th Friends are mostly careful that we proceed
with respect to our discipline to our
discipline.

Ans 7th The Rhode Island Friends are the 1st in
opinion against the payment of Priests wages, and also
in the remaining parts of this query.

Ans 8th We know, not but clear.

9th Friends are careful to have all their marriages
Births, deaths, and burials duly recorded
No removals without certificates.

10th It cases rests with Friends to deal with
offenders in the manner required by discipline, but
way has not opened for dealing, consequently no
judgment has been placed since our last.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New
England held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing
with public meeting for worship on first day the 15th of
sixth month 1879. and on second day morning
16th for discipline

Accounts have been received from each of the
Quarterly Mtgs. belonging and the representatives
therein named are from

Rhode Island Anna Foster Ann Perry Jane C. Chase
and Ruth A. Grandall.

Salmon and Dover Thankful Grosvenor and Mercy H. Mader

Standwick Elizabeth H. Eddy and Lucia S. Barnard.
whose names being called are present except one,
who was prevented from attending by illness in
the family.

Elizabeth Perry Elizabeth H. Eddy and Mercy
Mader are appointed to prepare a summary from the
answers to the queries and produce at a future sitting

The representatives are requested to stop at the close
of this Mtg. to confer on the subject of bringing forward
names for clerks and report to our next sitting

This meeting adjourns to the time our men friends
may conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

The representatives having met on the subject of
clerks have brought in the names of Ann Perry for
clerk and Elizabeth H. Eddy for assistant clerk
which is united with by this meeting and they are
appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read at this time succeeded by answers from each of our Quarterly Mtgs. from which a summary has been compiled.

Men friends inform that Rhode Island Quarterly Mtg. proposes to change the holding of the Quarterly Mtg. in the 5th month from Hopkinton to Westerly which is united with by this meeting and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared by men friends leaving them at liberty to make the proposed change.

The adjourn to the time concluded on for
tomorrow morning.

Third day Morning Met near the 10th hour.

The representatives names being called are all present who were in attendance at the first sitting.

The records of the Mtg. for sufferings were presented at this time and have been acceptably read in this meeting.

We adjourn purposing to meet again on this island in the 6th month next if permitted.
Ann Perry Clerk.

Summary.

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended excepting a few for worship and one for discipline on account of indisposition and inclement weather.

Ans 2. Love and unity appear to be maintained with one exception; detraction generally guarded against. A difference has arisen towards which some care has been extended.

Ans. 3rd Friends are endeavoring to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and the corrupt conversation of the world, also to be exemplary therein themselves. The volume the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th Friends are careful to confine the use spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes; to guard against the unnecessary frequency of taverns, and places of public resort, and to keep in true moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to.

Ans. 5th We have no poor who claim assistance. All freely partake of tithing, and no children placed from among friends.

Ans 6th Friends endeavor to be careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage are conformable to our discipline.

Ans 7th We think friends generally are careful to bear a faithful testimony against the payment of ~~Priests~~ wages. Clear as to the remaining parts of this query.

Ans 8th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts - are also careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th We think careful in regard to records, no friends removed from or come amongst us without certification

Ans. 10th - A concern remains with friends to fulfil the requirements of discipline, yet way has not opened to for dealing with offenders, and consequently no judgment has been placed since our last account.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends of New England held at Newport on Rhode Island, commencing with public meeting for worship on first day the 13th of sixth month 1880., and on second day morning the 14th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from each of 11

Quarterly Meetings belonging hereto and the representatives therein named are from

Rhode Island Phebe Foster, Edisa G. Sheffield, Jane C. Chase

and Phibe Wilbur. From

Halem and Dover Thankful Hussey and Merce H. Mader

from Sandwich Elizabeth H. Gaddy and Alice Wilbur.

whose names being called are present except four one of whom was prevented from attending by indisposition on her journey.

Phebe Wilbur, Lydia T. Barnard, and Sarah S. Kenyon are appointed to prepare a summary from the answers to the queries and present it at a future sitting.

We have received at this time from Bear Creek Mo. Mlg. our friend Caleb Gregg, whose company and good labors are very acceptable to us. We have also received certificates from those meetings for Millicent Gregg who is acceptably with us at this time.

This meeting adjourns to the house our men friends may conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon, met near the 4th floor.

The representatives having conferred together on the subject of the proposed change of the name of the Society and Anne H. Foster for assistant-clerk which is united with by this meeting, and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read at this time succeeded by answers from each of our Quarterly Meetings from which a summary has been compiled.

Alice Wilbur, Maria Foster, Sarah H. Hargen, Alice Wilbur, Lydia H. Foster, and Lydia J. Burnard are appointed a committee to unite with a committee of men friends to take into consideration the subject of corresponding with ^{the} Western Yearly Meetings.

This meeting adjourns to the time our men friends may conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Third day morning the 15th of the month near the 10th hour friends again assembled.

The records of the meeting for sufferings have been presented except three.

The records of the meetings for sufferings have been presented by men friends the reading of them at this time has been satisfactory.

The Committee appointed by men and women friends to take into consideration the subject of correspondence with the Western Yearly Meetings have presented an Epistle which has been read in this meeting and fully united with and the clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

Minutes have been presented at this time for our friends
Leah Gregg and Millicent Gregg which is approved by the
Meeting and the clerk is directed to sign them on its
behalf.

We adjourn purposing to meet again on the
Island in the sixth month next if permitted
by the Lord.

Minutes

Ans. 1st All our meetings for religious worship and
discipline have been attended, except the meeting for
worship at Little Compton, and one meeting on
account of a funeral. The hour nearly observed,
Friends are preserved from sleeping and other
unbecoming behavior when assembled.

2^d Love and unity appear to be maintained with one
exception, dissension generally guarded against;
a difference has arisen amongst us, towards which
some care has been extended.

3^d Friends endeavor to bring up those under their
care, in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, to
restrain them from pernicious reading, and the corrupt
company of the world, and to keep them from
themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are
frequently read in friends families.

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous
liquors, and to keep their hearts from being
of leaven and putrefaction, and to keep their
moderation on other occasions.

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their
necessities relieved; also their children receive learning, and
some are placed from among friends.

Ans. 6th Parents and Heads of families, and others are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans. 7th We believe Friends are careful to bear a faithful testimony, against the payment of tithes. ...
... is to the remaining part of this query.

9th Friends are careful as to records. It's removal ...

10th Friends have a care to deal with offenders in a manner agreeable to discipline; but way has not ...
... placed, since our last account.

At our Monthly Meeting at Wrentham, ...
New England held at Newport on Nantucket Island commencing with public meeting for worship on First day the 12th of sixth month 1881 and on second day ...
... discipline.

Accounts have been received from each of our 4 City W'ths belonging here to and the representatives therein named are from Rhode Island Aseneth Buffington, Anna A. Foster, Jane C. Chase, and Lydia W. Foster. From Salem and Dover, Thankful Hussey, and Mary W. Vander. From Sandwich, Alice Miller, and Elizabeth W. Eddy, whose names being called are all present.

... and Elizabeth W. Eddy, are appointed to prepare a summary from the answers to the Queries and

produce at a future setting.

We have with us at this time our beloved friends Charles & Lydia, and Benjamin & Fanny Lichon from Spring River Mtly Mtly Kansas, whose contributions to the cause of the oppressed have been read at this time from Kansas, Iowa and Western Yearly Mtly's, greatly to our satisfaction, and comfort.

Lydia H. Foster, Elizabeth H. Eddy, Gessie Buffington, and Mary Booth are appointed to write with some others, Epistles in reply to those received from Western Yearly Mtly's. This Mtly adjourns to the next our men-friends may conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon, Met near the M.

Alice Wilbur on behalf of the representatives informed this Mtly they had conferred together on the subject of clerks, and were divided in proposing the names of Eliz. H. Eddy for clerk, and Emma H. Foster as assistant clerk, which is united with by this Mtly, and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Records have been read, succeeded by answers from each of our Mtly Mtly, from which a summary has been compiled.

Men-friends have furnished us with the records of the Mtly for sufferings, which have been read to our satisfaction.

Third day of the week, and 14thth month.
Friend Bain met near the tenth hour.

The names of the exhortations being call
are all present.

The committee appointed to act in connection
of Friends, Iowa, and Western Yearly Meetings
produced at this time Epistles addressed to each
the above named letters which have been read
and fully approved by this Mtg, and the clerk
has read the same.

Then friends inform they have come to the
conclusion to discontinue Salem and Dorset Mtg
and annex its members to Sandwich Meeting,
with which this Mtg unites.

This Mtg adjourns until two o'clock this after-
noon. Friends again met according to adjourn-
ment.

Then friends inform they have appointed
a few friends as a committee to meet, and confer with the
who left this Mtg a few years since and held a
separate Mtg at the house of Lucie B. - Epistle to
be read, and appoint Alice Fisher^{and}
O Foster a committee to join new Friends.

As summer business appearing to claim our attention
at this time, we conclude, postponing to meet again if
permitted in eight month next on this locality.
Elizabeth Clark

Summary

Our meetings for religious worship and discipline have generally been attended, but owing to the smallness of our numbers some of our meetings are sustained under great discouragements. The hours are to be observed. Strict guard against sleep, and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd

Love and unity maintained with one exception; detraction guarded against.

Care has been expended where differences have arisen.

Ans 3d

We believe friends endeavour to bring up those under their direction as specified.

Perseverance reading and prayer encouraged and discouraged. Friends endeavour to be exemplary herein themselves. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th

Friends are exhorted to avoid the use of Spirituous Liquors except for medicine, also the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort, observing moderation and temperance upon other occasions.

Ans 5th

There are none needing assistance, no children placed from among friends.

Ans 6th

Friends feel a care that all proceedings in respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

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Clear as to the remaining part

Clear as far as appears.

Friends feel a care that offenders or want
with as required by discipline, but way has
not opened for dealing, consequently no
judgment has been placed since our last session

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At our Yearly Meeting of Harmon Friends for New England
held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing with
public meeting for worship on first day the 11th of
sixth month 1882, and on second day morning the
12th for discipline.

By the annual received from sanction meeting
during the representatives therein ^{named} to attend this Mtg
are Alice Wilbur and Eliz^d H. Eddy, from Rhode Island,
Eliza Sheffield, Ruth Crandall, and Lydia Mitchell,
whose names being called are present except two, for
whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

We have in attendance at this meeting our Beloved Friend Ruth Ann Stanton, with a certificate from West Union Monthly Meeting, endorsed by White Lick Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with her prospect of religious service within the limits of the Ohio Yearly Meeting, and also in attending the Yearly Meeting of Canada. Her company, and Gospel labours are truly acceptable to us.

We have also the company of our Beloved Friend Sarah Ann Johnson, with a certificate signed by a committee of West Union Monthly Meeting held near Monrovia, Morgan Co. Jan 10th 1882, expressive of their unity with her, and we learn, to accompany Ruth Ann Stanton in the foregoing service referred to, whose company is also very acceptable to us. Also a minute signed by the aforesaid committee, on behalf our Friend Mahlan Johnson expressing that he was a member in good esteem among them. Their company has been very acceptable to us.

Western Yearly Meeting having been drawn into near sympathy with us in our tried and lonely conditions, appointed our beloved friends Robert W. Hodgson, William Robinson, Ruth Ann Stanton and Sarah Ann Johnson to attend this meeting, and present to it, and Epistle from the before mentioned Yearly Meeting. The above named friends, except, (Robert W. Hodgson who has deceased), are in attendance with us, and their company, as well as the reading of the Epistle, is very comforting, and encouraging to us.

We have also received an Epistle from Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friend. held at Lawrence Kansas, which has been read at this time, to our satisfaction & comfort.

India B. F. and, assisted by J. H. F. and
Chas. W. L. appointed to prepare a summary of
the answers to the Queries and produce at a future
meeting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close
of this sitting and confer together on the subject of
hiring forward names for clerks.

This meeting adjourned to the 1st of next month
may appoint.

Afternoon near the fourth hour friend again met.

Eliza Sheffield on behalf the representatives informed
the meeting they had conferred together on the subject
of clerks and were united in proposing the name of
Eli' H. Eddy for clerk and Anna A. Foster for assistant
clerk. Both names being united with by the meeting
they are accordingly appointed to those services for the
ensuing year.

The Queries have been read, succeeded by a summary from
each of our Quarterly Mtgs, ^{also} from which a summary prepared
therefrom, which being approved is directed to be recorded
and is as follows, viz.

Ans 1st All our Meetings for Worship on Lord's days
have been attended except a few which were
prevented by illness, and stormy weather,
One preparative Mtg reports no midweek Mtgs have
been held since their first meeting. They have no sign
of a religious or improving behavior when

Ans 2^d

Love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us, and detraction guarded against; No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3^d

We believe Friends are endeavoring to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and also to be good examples herein themselves: The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th

Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, and the frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort, and to keep in true moderation and temperance in their conduct in all their private and public relations.

Ans 5th

The circumstances of the poor are attended to; children partake of learning; none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th

Friends are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage are conformable to discipline.

Ans 7th

Clear as far as appears.

Ans 8th

Careful in these respects.

Ans 9th

Friends are careful to have all their marriages, births, deaths, and burials duly recorded. One family removed without certificates.

Ans 10th

Friends feel concerned to deal with offenders in the manner required after, and to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline, but we have not heard of any such case consequently no person has been placed since our last account.

Our friends have furnished us with the records
of the meeting for sufferings which have been read
to our satisfaction.

We have received an Epistle from Iowa Yearly Mtg
of men, and women friends, held at Oskaloosa
Mahaska Co Iowa which has been
read at this time much to our satisfaction, and
also a communication from
Louis Taber of Ohio, expressive of much anxiety, and
sympathy with us in our striped, and tried condition.

We appoint Ann Perry, Mary Booth, Lydia H Foster,
Lydia S Barnard, and Anna A Foster, to prepare if
way should open for it an Essay of an Epistle to Kansas
Yearly Mtg of Women Friends, and also if way should
open for it, join men friends in addressing Western
and Iowa Yearly Mtg's by the way of Epistles.

No further business appearing to claim our attention
at this sitting we adjourn to such time as men friends
may conclude to meet tomorrow.

3^d Day of the week and 13th of the month, Friends met
near the 11th hour.

The names of the representatives being called, are
all present except one.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to prepare
if way should open for it an Essay of Epistles, have now
produced the following addressed to Kansas Yearly Mtg
of Women Friends, which has been read, and approved,
and the Clerk directed to sign, and forward the same
on behalf of this meeting.

To Kansas Yearly meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends

Your Epistle of 10th mo last has been received, and read to our comfort and satisfaction; and in reply what shall we say? that it is indeed a cause of thankfulness, that there are preserved, a remnant here and there; who are not ashamed to acknowledge their allegiance to their Divine Lord and Master, and who feel the preciousness of those principles which were so ably advocated by our forefathers in days that are past, and who are made willing also to suffer for His great name's sake, and which having the immutable Truth for their foundation must stand continue to stand, when all the structures and systems of human reason shall be swept away. And dear sisters, may you stand fast, and not faint, nor be dismayed at the signs of the times, but put your whole trust in His Almighty arm, that has been extended for your deliverance, as well as for the help of His people, in every age. It is safe to trust all to Him, as He is still graciously disposed to help His poor dependent children, and open a way for them, where to outward observation there seemed to be none.

We have ourselves been much discouraged, and cast down of later years; but the more fully upholding of the Ancient standard by you, and others, and of a seed being preserved in different parts of the heritage, has rejoiced our hearts, and seemed to us, almost the only bright spot we have had to look upon, as to the outward, in this dark and cloudy day.

We, here in New England do feel we are but a feeble few, and also do we feel our own weakness and poverty, and go mourning on our way, because of the desolation of Zion, that there are so few to come up to her solemn feasts; for many who first came forth, have turned back and walk no more

with us, and also because of the removal of many
from works to rewards in the Church Militant, with
whom we have been so sweetly comforted; and on whom
we have so much relied in the Church.

Let us remember beloved sisters it is by a succession
the militant Church has been sustained from age to
age, and if those who still remain, are but engaged
above all things, to serve the Lord of Hosts; and to conserve
the Church in His will, He will not fail to strengthen us
by His holy ~~holy~~ Spirit for the work and service which
He requires of us, and enable us likewise to stand in
our day, in defence of His glorious cause, giving us as
we are faithful in following Him, to experience the
blessedness of God's salvation, and in the end be
numbered with those who have gone before, of whom
it is said; that having won a glorious salvation
according to the will of God, they have fallen asleep in
Jesus.

We have had at this time, the precious company
and acceptable labors, of several dear friends from
Western Yearly Mtg Indianas, whose presence has
strengthened us in our weakness; and made our
hearts glad, because of His mercies and ~~because~~ ^{that}
His face is not wholly turned away from us.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of
New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held
at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from
10th of June 1882 to the 13th of the same inclusive.

Elizabeth H. Eddes.

Clerk.

We adjourn to the time when friends may appoint.

Afternoon, Near the fifth hour friends again met.

Men friends have produced at this time Essays of Epistles addressed to Kansas and ^{early Mtg's} Western of Men. Women friends, which have been read, and approved in this meeting, and the clerk is directed to sign the same in conjunction with the clerk of the mens Mtg.

~~During~~ Men friends have presented certificates prepared for our friends Ruth Ann Stanton, Sarah Ann Johnson, Abigail Johnson, and William Robinson which have been read and approved and by this Mtg and the clerk left at liberty to sign the same.

Having through Divine favour been permitted to transact the business that came before the different sittings of this ~~meeting~~ ^{of Spirit}, we conclude, purposing to meet again in June next on this Island. The Lord permitting.

Elizabeth H. Eddy.

At our yearly meeting of Women Friends of New England held at Newport on Rhode Island, commencing with public meeting for worship on ~~first~~ day ~~for worship~~ the 10th of sixth month 1883 and on second day morning the 11th for discipline.

The clerks not being present the meeting is united in appointing Ann Perry for clerk and Mary H. Gardiner for assistant clerk for this sitting.

Accounts have been received from each of the Quarterly Meetings belonging here and the representatives therein named are from Rhode Island Lydia H. Foster Ann Perry Anna A. Foster, Mary Ann Thove, and Ruth A. Grandold. from Sandwich Alice Wilbur, and Lydia L. Barnard, whose names being called are present except two both of whom were prevented from attending by illness.

Lydia H. Foster, Mercy H. Meader, and Eliza G. Sheffield are appointed to prepare a summary from the answers to the queries and produce to a future sitting.

An Epistle has been read in this meeting from Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends which was very satisfactory and encouraging to us.

Ann Perry, Lydia L. Barnard, Mary Booth, Mercy H. Meader and Eliza G. Sheffield are appointed to unite with men Friends to ~~unite with men Friends~~ to prepare an essay of an Epistle to Kansas Yearly if way should open for it.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this Mtg. and confer together on the subject of bringing forward names for clerks.

This meetings adjourns to the hour men friends may conclude to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

Ruth A. Crandall on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting they ~~had~~ were united in proposing the names of Ann Perry for clerk and Mary A. Gardiner for assistant clerk and being united with by the meeting, they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read succeeded by answers from each of our Quarterly Mgs. from which a summary has been compiled and is as follows.

Summary

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except for worship and one for discipline. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are preserved from sleeping. No unbecoming behavior noticed when assembled.

Ans 2^d Love and unity appear to be maintained among us and detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3^d Friends are endeavoring to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation of the world, and also to be exemplary herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th Friends are careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and to guard the frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort, and also to keep in true moderation and temperance on occasions referred to.

Ans 5th None among us needing assistance; no children placed from amongst friends.

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans 7th Clear as to the several parts of this query.

Ans 8th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Careful in these respects.

Ans 10th A care remains with Friends to deal with offenders and to place judgment agreeable to discipline, but way has not opened for dealing, consequently there has been no placing of judgment since our last account.

When Friends have furnished us with the records of the meeting for sufferings the reading of them has been satisfactory to this meeting.

There being no farther business to claim our attention at this time we adjourn to ^{the} time our next Friends may conclude to meet tomorrow morning.

Third day morning the 12th of the month meet near the 10th hour.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to prepare, if way should open for it) Essay of Epistles have provided one addressed to Kansas Yearly Meeting and one to the Yearly Meeting of Iowa which have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The representatives names being called all present who were in attendance at our first sitting.

Having accomplished the business that has come before us satisfactorily we conclude purposing to meet at Westerlo in 6^{mo} next if permitted.

From New England Yearly of Friends held at Newport on
Rhode Island by adjournments on the 11th and 12th of 8th 1893.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Men and Women Friends.
Dear Friends

Having been favored to assemble in the
capacity of a Yearly Meeting, our hearts have been turned
towards our dear absent brethren with living desires for their
preservation in the unchangeable truth, and for their estab-
lishment on the pure foundation "Christ Jesus the Rock
of ages". Hence we feel drawn to address you a few words
expressive of our feelings towards you as brethren of the
same family, and household of faith with ourselves,
believing that a mutual interchange of feeling and sentiment
in this way tends to the strength and encouragement one of
another, and to our advancement Zionward. We have at this
time been brought, renewedly to feel the weight of responsibility
which rests upon us, as a people, to maintain unimpaired those
precious testimonies which were committed to our worthy prede-
cessors to uphold through evil report, and good report, through
suffering, and conflict, in the midst of a wicked, and perver-
se generation, and which through them and their faithful suc-
cessors have been handed down to us, and for the maintenance
of which we are no less accountable than they. We feel that
the present is indeed a momentous period of our existence as a
people — a day, wherein the enemy of all good has been
suffered to come in as a flood, and in consequence as we appre-
hend of the unfaithfulness, so general amongst us, to draw away
from the true faith both on the right hand, and on the left, a day
wherein it may said of the faithful followers of the Lamb that
it is given them on behalf of Christ "not only to believe on his name
but also to suffer for his sake". We do not feel dear Friends that it
is needful for us to multiply words at this time; suffice it to say
that in taking a view of the present degenerate state of the
church, and of the world we feel to exhort all who are
making a profession under our name in this time of great
commotion, and falling away; to retire inward, and endeavor

as much as in them lies to dwell near to the alone source, and Fountain of all good — To cease from all dependence upon man, whose breath is in his nostrils, and place our dependence more exclusively upon Him in whom is everlasting strength, and who has promised that "at the crying of the poor, and sighing of the needy, he will arise!"

In an especial manner have we been introduced into near sympathy with a tribulated remnant in your land who are going sorrowing on their way for the desolations of Zion in a condition similar to that of the prophet when he was compelled to "eat the roll written within, and without with lamentation mourning and woe" to whom the Truth as believed in and upheld by our worthy predecessors is dearer than any earthly treasure. With these we have traveled in the fellowship of suffering desiring above all things that their faith may not fail in this day of treading down and perplexity. How strikingly applicable to these wherever their lot may be cast is the injunction of the inspired apostle. "Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing had happened unto you; but rejoice in as much as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that when his glory shall be revealed ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ happy are you for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls unto him in well doing as unto a faithful Creator. Our meeting though very small has not been without evidence of divine regard, and in transacting the various concerns that have come before it, harmony and brotherly condescension have prevailed. But above all we have at times been favored to experience the wing of ancient Goodness to be spread over us, and have been brought experimentally to acknowledge that the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear grown heavy that it cannot hear — We were comforted in reading your Epistle; especially are we pleased to learn

of the faithfulness of some of your dear young people, who are likely to fill the places of the Fathers and Mothers when removed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. And we desire to speak in language of encouragement to these dear children whom we trust are under the Lord's preparing hand. There are twofold reasons for an early dedication of heart to the cause of Truth and righteousness, viz. the great uncertainty of life, and the value of faithful labor in the Master's vineyard while the vigor of youth is ours. Far is it from us to encourage any to go forth in their own strength but only as the Lord putteth forth and goeth before to be mouth and wisdom tongue and utterance. With the salutation of love we are your friends and Brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction
of our Yearly Meeting

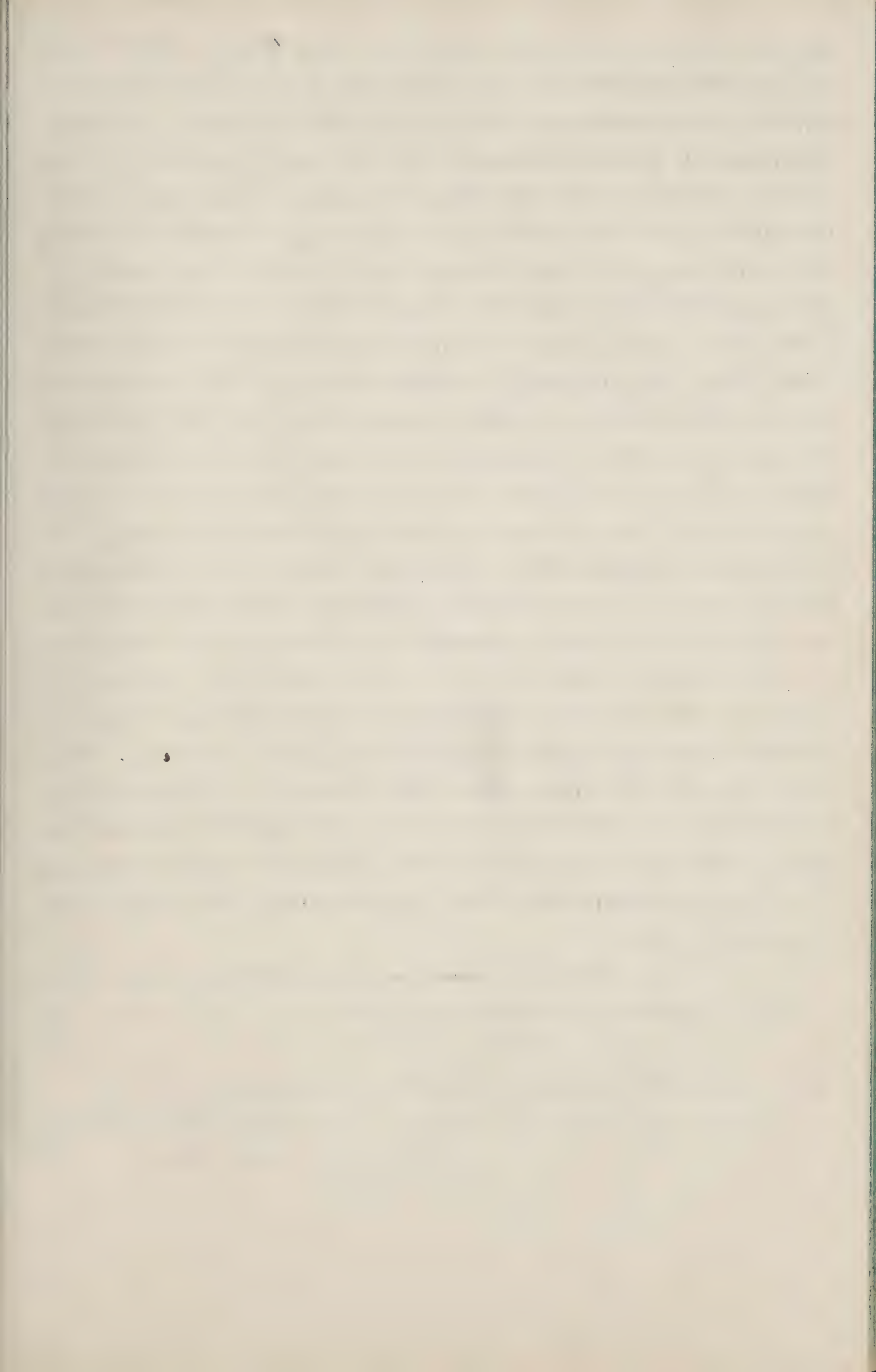
Isaac P. Willbur
Ann Perry Clerks

From New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held
at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments on the
11th and 12th of 6th month 1883.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of men and women Friends.
Dear Friends

On sitting down together in this our annual gathering, as one of a city, and two of a family our dear absent Brethren, those similarly situated with ourselves - weak, and feeble, stripped, and peeled, as we feel ourselves to be, with hardly enough to hold a Yearly Meeting, though not feeling free to forgo the attempt, the feelings of our little number have been drawn towards these, with living desires for their preservation, amid the trials and temptations besetting them on the right hand and on the left, when the enemy comes in as a flood with the array of great numbers, bidding defiance to, and despising as did the great Goliath of Gath the armies of the living God, Oh! then, remember the stripping David, who went forth to meet him in the name of the Lord, refusing to be clad with the armor of Saul





but going forth in the strength of the God of Israel alone
he slew the giant and put to flight his haughty host.
Also the preservation of Daniel in the lions den, and his
subsequent advancement; with the utter overthrow of the
potent enemies of the Lords people. And again the
case of the poor despised, but confiding Mordecai sitting
at the Kings gate, how it resulted in the signal overthrow
of proud Haman, and the preservation, and enlargement
of the poor feeble Jews. These examples with many others
with which the scriptures of truth abound, abundantly evince
that the Lord can, and often does save by the few instead of
the many, and in proportion as we rely upon, and trust in
him alone, he will bless our endeavors; yea he can, and will
make a way for those where there appears to be no way,
mountains of opposition will be removed, and all things in
his own time be made to work together for good to those who are
desiring above all things to serve, and honor him in their days
and generation. Then let us endeavor through sunshine, and
^{storm} through evil report, and good report, to be found in our
allotted stations whether it be in doing, or in suffering. Then
when he ^{meets} sees, to release from the labors of the field, he
will be round about us as a shining light to conduct us
safely through the valley of the shadow of death, and will
present us faultless before the presence of his glory with
exceeding joy.

We have received no Epistle from you since
the one we acknowledged last year.

Signed on behalf and by direction of our Yearly Meeting.

Isaac P. Wilbur ^{Clerk}
Ann Perry

Our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends of New England
held at Westerly, Rhode Island commencing with
public meeting for worship on first day the 13th of
sixth month ¹⁸⁵⁴ and on second day morning the 16th
for discipline

The accounts from each of our Quarterly Meetings being
given the representatives then named are from Sandwich
Elizabeth H. Eddy and Lydia J. Darnard, from Rhode Island
Anna A. Foster, Lydia H. Foster Elm G. Sheffield, and
Ruth A. Grandall, whose names being called are present
except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was
assigned.

Elizabeth H. Eddy, Lydia J. Darnard and Martha
B. [unclear] are appointed to prepare a summary from the
answers to the queries and produce at our next sitting.

Epistles have been read from Iowa and Kansas Yearly
Meetings and from the Meeting for Sufferings of Western
Yearly Meeting which have been very satisfactory to us.

Lydia H. Foster, Elizabeth H. Eddy and Mary Booth are
appointed to unite with men Friends to prepare essays
of Epistles in reply if way should open for it.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close
of this meeting, and confer together on the subject of
bringing forward names for clerks.

We adjourn to the time our men Friends may conclude
to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon, not near the fourth hour.

Eliza W. Sheffield on behalf of the representatives informs this meeting, that we united in choosing the names of Elizabeth M. Todd for clerk and Mary A. Gardiner for assistant clerk their names being united with by the meeting, they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read succeeded by answers from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings from which a summary has been compiled and is as follows.

Summary Answers.

Ans. 1st Our meetings for religious worship and discipline were less attended except two in the winter, one meeting on account of stormy weather, and another on account of reports being a few of our Mts. have been held since our last report - owing to the inclemency of the weather and inability to attend. All other of our meetings have been held: the hour observed. Friends endeavor to guard against sleep; of other undecorous behavior, &c.

Ans. 2^d Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us, and detraction guarded against; no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3^d Friends endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel, also to discourage unprofitable reading, and corrupt conversation and are exemplary therein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th We know not but Friends are careful to maintain our testimonies in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 5.th There are none among us requiring assistance; no children placed down among Friends.

Ans. 6.th Friends are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans. 7.th Clear as far as appears.

Ans. 8.th We know not but clear.

Ans. 9.th Clear in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 10.th Friends feel a care that offenders should be dealt with in the manner required by discipline and to place judgment accordingly, but way has not opened for dealing consequently no judgment has been placed since our last account.

Men Friends furnished us with the records of the Mtg for Sufferings for the last year which have been read at this time and are satisfactory to us.

No farther business appearing to claim our attention at this time we adjourn to the time when Friends may appoint tomorrow morning.

Third day the 7th near two in the afternoon friends again met.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to join men Friends in preparing, it was resolved after the Essays of Charles to Iowa, Kansas, and Western Prairies, meetings, and to produce Essays addressed to each of the above named meetings which have been read and approved by this Mtg, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same in conjunction with the Clerk of the previous meeting.

The representatives, names being called are all in attendance who were present at the first ~~and~~ sitting.

No farther business claiming our attention at this time
We conclude purposing to meet again if permitted
in 6 months at the same place if permitted.

To Towne. Hearty Meeting of men and Women Friends
of Friends

Your Epistle of last year has
has been received, and we are thus again reminded of
your sympathy and fellowship with us, in our stripped,
and weak condition, and we can appreciate your desire
that we with you may be found "clothed upon with a meek
and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

We do not at this time feel to multiply words,
yet are desirous that all who believe in, and endeavor to uphold
"the principles and testimonies of the ever blessed and unchangeable
truth, as nobly lived up to by our worthy forefathers, who counted
nothing too mean or dear to part with if by any sacrifice they might
obtain the peace of God which passeth all understanding, should
see eye to eye.

Not only were they desirous to work to work
out their salvation with fear and trembling before Him,
but they were willing to labour in season and out of season, to travel
by sea, and land to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and
to declare the Gospel that may be the power of God to salvation
to all those who believe in, and conform to its power and life.

We seem to be at this time too much isolated one from
another in respects, the different yearly Meeting of Friends.
And great loss is sustained by our dear young people on account
of the want of labour so eminently useful in former days in
teaching the things which were ready to die.

We deplore the sad effects of a lifeless ministry, and have no
unity with those, who for want of tarrying at Jerusalem
until they become endued with power from on high —

Are often running from place to place, and instead of building up the beautiful fabric of Christian doctrine, as did our living ministers in former times, are endeavoring to pull it down, and proclaim an easier way to the Kingdom of everlasting rest, and peace.

Yet we feel the need of earnest Christian laborers, and the desire and prayer of our heart is that the Lord would qualify and send forth more laborers into this harvest.

We feel to bid you an affectionate farewell in gospel love. From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Westbury Rhode Island from the 14th of June to the 17th of the same inclusive 1884.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of men and Women Friends.

Dear Friends

We are permitted once more to assemble for our annual gathering, and endeavor to transact the weighty affairs of the Church.

While our small number is depressing to our minds - we are renewedly persuaded that our excellent system of Church government which was instituted by George Fox, and his collaborators under the direction of Divine wisdom should be maintained. - And we believe notwithstanding the great falling off away now taking place in our beloved society, the time will come when our doctrines, testimonies, and discipline will be revived and appreciated more fully than they now are. - And will we who feel engaged for the promotion of this end suffer any discouragement to turn us away from the truth? Shall we not rather double our diligence and put ourselves to the test in building up the walls of our Zion which are broken down?

When we remember the trials and sufferings of our early Friends in awakening a degenerate Christian Church, and causing the establishment of a pure and better condition, we cannot

believe it is the will of the Lord that this great work should
be maintained. And we are humbly persuaded that
He who clearly led our forefathers in the truth out of the vain
fashions and customs of a sinful world, and led them of another
age back into the same bondage. And at this time we
are concerned that we with you may be preserved from undue
excitement, in the political strife and contention now agitating
the country. If we draw near to God and seek for
help, wisdom and discretion will be given us, and our peace
will flow like rivers of water.

Finally, brethren and sisters farewell and may the God
of love and peace be with you.

Signed by direction and on behalf of New England
Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly in Rhode Island
from the 14th day of the 6th month to the 17th of the same
clusive, 1884.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Men and Women Friends
Dear Friends

We are renewedly impressed as we again assemble
in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, that the fellowship, and
sympathy, of our dear brethren, and sisters of the same household
of Faith, tends to strengthen, and encourage one another in
the maintenance of our precious doctrines, and testimonies.

And persuaded we are, that it is not the will of the
Lord that those should be separated — and that, who
once highly favored of God should cease to exist — and in their
stead a formal, and ceremonious religion be substituted.

It was none other than the mighty God of Jacob who
gave George Fox, and his collaborators, their principles, and
testimonies to maintain. — And their Lord and Saviour
on whose strength they relied, and their feet in the
latter and helped not their enemies to prevail
against them. And is not the Great Head of the
Church still with his dependent ones? And will He

not raise up others, who are weary with forms, and ceremonies who shall be willing to suffer for the Truth, and give them power to become the sons of God? Even to them who believe on His name — Ah! we continue to be unto them as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, and will not suffer the enemy to prevail against them.

Your acceptable Epistle prepared by the Holy Spirit, has been received, and read to our comfort, and encouragement — And although we feel weak, and poor, we think best briefly to acknowledge its reception, and reciprocate its breathing of love and good will — When Balak sent Balaam to curse Israel the Lord suffered it not, but caused him to say, How shall I curse whom the Lord hath not cursed, or how shall I defy whom the Lord hath not defied — And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the angels of the Lord, and the spirit of God came upon him — Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel. — Again how goodly are thy tents oh Jacob, and thy tabernacles oh Israel — as the valleys are they spread forth — as gardens by the river side, as trees of lign-aloes which the Lord God hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters.

We desire, in the bonds of Christian love, to bid you
adieu.

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
held at Westbury, Rhode Island from the 14th of the 1st mo.
to the 17th of the same inclusive 1884.

We are now holding a session for the
held at Westbury, N.J. commencing with Public meeting
on first day, the fourteenth of September, 1885 and
on second day, the fifteenth for Discipline.

Accounts have been received from Rhode Island
and Providence Friends Meetings and the
representatives have been appointed to attend the
meeting for Rhode Island: Anna Foster,
Robert S. Chandler, Charles S. Safford and Oliver Brown.
For Sandwich: Alice Wilbur and Elizabeth H. Ledges.
All of whom are present.

We appoint Mary Booth, Lydia J. Barnard and
Ann Perry to prepare a summary from the accounts
of the Rhode and Providence Friends Meetings.

We have received at this time an Epistle from
Western Yearly Meetings of Women Friends which have
been read with interest and edification.

The representatives are requested to confer together
and agree upon the course of action to be taken the meeting we
close and report at our next sitting.

We adjourn till that our Friends may conclude
and thank them.

Afternoon was the forth hour Friends again
met.

The Sisters on behalf of the representatives
inform us we are to be together and are united

in introducing the names of Elizabeth A. Codd for
 clerk, and Wm A. Gardner for Steward & Lib,
 which is united with by the meeting, and they are
 appointed to serve for the ensuing year.

The Devise have been read at this sitting with
 interest & the vote from Rhode Island and W. Landrick
 & others, together with a numerous
 list of the friends, which being approved by the
 meeting are to be placed on record.

The same session from the friends an Epistle
 No. 1. Our meetings for religious worship and
 discipline have been attended by most of our
 members, who are to attend next at an in
 our Subversive Meeting. The house is nearly
 always full. Friends are mostly present from
 sleeping. No other unbecoming behavior noticed
 when assembled.

No. 2. Love and unity appear to be generally
 maintained and attention directed against
 no difference have come to our knowledge.

No. 3.
 The Beloved Friends are endeavoring to bring
 all those under their care in harmony of
 love, peace, charity and affability: & to restrain
 them from unbecoming reading and count
 enance, and to be as mild as possible
 themselves. The Holy Scriptures are, & are being
 frequently read in Friends families.

And the beloved Friends are careful to
 maintain our testimonies in the
 several parts of this Query.

Ans 5.

There are none amongst us needing
assistance. Some hinder from coming friends

Ans 6.

Friends are much careful that all proceedings
with respect to marriages be conformable to
Discipline.

Ans 7. Char. in the several parts of three Quers.

Ans 8

I do know not but char.

Ans 9.

Compare as to records. Is necessary without
certificates.

Ans 10.

Friends feel concerned to deal with offenders
in the manner provided. No judgement
delayed since our last accounts.

We have received from Men Friends an
Epistle from Thomas Clark Meeting of Friends,
which has run read much to our satisfaction
and encouragement. It appeared from South,
Dundas, Fort, Lodi, and others and 'Eliya
H. Sheffield' is joined in Friends in pursuing
an usage of Christ in reply and also in
preparing Epistles to such other yearly Meetings
as may may open for.

We have an attendance of this Yearly Meeting
our esteemed friend Cyrus H. Harvey, who
brought a 'certificate' from Friends of
North Meeting, Seneca, dated 5 mo. 9 endorsed
by Abner Felt, Friends Meeting, dated 5 mo. 16-1865.
In presence of the time a minister in unity
with them and also of their unity with

his religious tractate within our limits.
His company and good nature have been
very acceptable to me.

We also have the company of Enock and Catherine
Quinn's mother and father in good society with
the above named minister, whose company
has been most engaging and encouraging
to me.

The meeting adjourns to the time the friends
may appoint tomorrow.

Third day, the 16th mar two in the afternoon
friends again assembled.
The number of the representatives being called
an all present except one.

The records of the Meetings for Sufferings for the
last year handed in by the friends have
been read at this sitting and are extremely
satisfactory to

Home friends named at a previous sitting
to write to the friends in reference to
issues of sympathy to General Smith's Meeting.
and also to address such other public Meetings
as may might open for, have produced one
addressed to the Friends Meeting of Home
friends which having been read I was allowed
and the clerk directed to sign and forward
the same on behalf of the meeting.

The joint committee of Men and Women Friends
have also presented a paper addressed to James
Iowa and Western Yearly Meetings of Men and
Women Friends, which they have read and
discussed and the clerk is directed to sign the
same in connection with the lack of the
minutes.

Having been favored to transact the business
that has come before us at the different
meetings of the year, meeting in great numbers
feeling we conclude, furthering to meet
again if permitted at the usual time in
sixth month next at this place.

Charles W. Ledy

From New England Yearly Meeting of Men and
Women Friends held at Wickford, R.I. by adjournment from the
15th to 16th of sixth month inclusive 1865.

Dear Sisters:—

Through the continued mercy of our
Father in heaven we have been permitted again
to assemble for the purpose of transacting the
business of the Church, and while deliberating on
acting thereon we feel utterly unable of ourselves
to do anything for His glory and honor,
and we greatly desire to be enabled and led at
His footstool looking to Him for strength and
ability to perform all He calls for at our hands.
We received your dear letter of 15th month last
and were comforted and encouraged by the goodness
of His promises with for the sparrow, your heart
that you should be able to do all that He
calls for. We have been very and abiding in it.

our hearts, and will render for ever
springing us of heart and for of will and
be forever fastened to the right hand of our
Holy Head in all things.

Many of our dear friends have been removed
to death so that our numbers have been greatly
reduced and the full are now are few, and, I
believe, sister, lift up your heart to God for
our preservation in the unchangeable Truth.
That we may not fail in our confidence in
our dear Th. Brin and Royal to the testimonies
we have at this time some dear friends from
Ohio and Lancashire Monthly Meetings whose
com. are in the Gospel. I believe we may be able
to keep our hearts from being led away from the
immovable Rock and that there may be
some abiding place for many eyes have turned
to wander upon this dark and cloudy day.
With the consolation of feet here we are with
you in the South.

Signed by direction of Rev & beloved
Monthly Meeting of the Friends held in
Monthly. &c. 161st mo. 1885.

Elizabeth L. Cady, clerk

They may adopt this here & go, also, then shall
the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant
unto the Lord, as in days of old and in former
years. (Isaiah 66:10-12) He says
that when the Lord shall be full of mercy and
in those and at our right hand may it not
be near to the faithful.

To those who are suffering from the same trouble
I write.

In ancient days thus that feared the
Lord shall be a blessing to us, but when
we are stricken and healed and have been able
again to stand to his side and to his
help, only in great weakness, yet we have
been comforted and strengthened by the
of the overshadowing of his love and
in our hearts. We are a little warmed and
moved towards those of the brethren in other
banks who are minding the same thing and
walking by the same rule in which we and
our ancient worthies have been constrained
to walk. Under these feelings we salute you
with earnest desire for ourselves and to make
you that we may each one of us, as being
separated and separated, be united to him
the Lord of living truth with us that we
be not separated but united in one united
church walking on together with joyful
hearts and that we shall all men

know that we are our disciples, if ye have
love and another: I am sure we trust
that from love we are your friends.

We are informed that an epistle has
been written and become known as the Meeting, but
it has not come to hand.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Men & Women Friends

Dear Friends:-

We are permitted once more to assemble in the
city of Philadelphia through the kindness
and help of the committee by death of some
of our faithful friends.

The circumstances for the past twenty
years which have produced

are calculated to cause friends at times to

very low under the discouragements which

present. And while we feel that our

faithfulness on our part might have induced

our dear young people to have been more helped

but we cannot help regret of the peculiar isolation

position in which we have been long placed.

Our entire committee of other Yearly Meetings in

visiting us in the love of the Gospel as in

the past years. The encouragement which

received this year by the presence of our dear

friends from Ohio and Kansas Yearly Meeting

has been cause of thankfulness to our

Heavenly Father, removing the feeling that we

are not rightly represented or forgotten of Him,

and that we are not a sparrows

fall to the ground.

The boys refused me shelter from winter's wear,
but having been informed by a friend, I was
gladly welcomed to speak. Meeting that one was
written and directed to be forwarded to me;
and feeling drawn in the love of the Gospel to
address you, I have thought best to write though
it might be only comfortable because of cold weather.
Plead be the Lord, in that we have at times
felt His overshadowing presence during the
several sittings. While endeavoring to thank
the noblest business men that ever lived
we have perceived that all those who
humble themselves in the presence of God
will receive strength and wisdom equal to their
day of labor.

The remarkable
outpouring of the spirit upon servants and
slaves is here in the city of this world, by
which the multitude that has remained
estranged in human bondage from darkness
to light and from the presence of Father with God;
but only here has effectual in our time because
of a spirit of boldness coupled with a want
of faith in the promise of Him who is able to
do exceeding abundantly even more than we
can ask or think. Yes, He will be
to his dependent children like the shadow of a
great rock in a weary land, and none shall
molest them or make them afraid.

With the exhibition of love we are your friend

Annual Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
has been held at Worcester, Mass.
beginning with public meeting for
worship on first day, the 13th of the 6th mo
1886, and on second day morning, the
14th of the same month.

Accounts have been received at this
time from the 1st and 2nd of the
articles of the meeting in which it appears
the representatives of this meeting are:
from Rhode Island, Eliza A. Sheffield,
Amy Perry, Anna T. Foster and Ruth
A. Brown from Connecticut, O. L. L.
Oddy and Lydia T. Barnard, whose
names are all present.

Lydia T. Barnard, Eliza A. Sheffield,
Anna Ruth and Amy Perry are appointed
to prepare a summary of the
announcements to the friends and to produce
at our next sitting.

We have received at this time an Epistle
from the Annual Yearly Meeting of Women
Friends which has been read much to
our comfort and encouragement.

Our returned Friend Edward H. Garrison
is in attendance at this meeting with
a wife and child.

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expressing of his being a minister in
good esteem with them and also of
their unity with his present religious
prospects. His courtesies and ardent
labors have been very acceptable to us

We have also the company of our
dear friend Rev. L. L. L. who
has produced a certificate from a committee
appointed to the cause named Quaker
Meeting to prove that Edward R. L. L.
may be considered with a suitable connection.
His courtesies and ardent labors
are acceptable to us, and the clerk of
this meeting is directed to sign
returning of minutes on their behalf in
conscription with the clerk of the Maine
Meeting.

We have received, and read at this
time an Epistle from George Burdett
Hewson of Friends which is comforting
and encouraging to us, and we, I
affirm to Ann Parker, Mary Booth, Mary
W. Gardner and Rev. H. L. L. L. L.
committee to unite with Mary Friends
in organizing Epistles to each other
Meetings as may may often for.

We have received a communication
with an extract from the Minutes of
Ohio yearly Meeting of Friends which
is satisfactory to me - and is as
follows:

To the Yearly Meeting for New England
At Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Stillwater
9th Mo 30th 1885.

The Committee continued last year on the subject
of the scattered remnants of Friends in different
parts of the land, and the following report—
which being deliberately considered was fully united
with. Therefore this meeting recognizes the two
Quarter Meetings named in the report—as coordinate
Yearly Meetings of the Society of Friends and
we accord to their members all the rights and
privileges that membership in our Society confers.
Resolved the committee

at a meeting of the Committee on scattered remnants
in the different parts of the land 9th Mo 26th 1885.

The committee after having transacted in this important
session entrusted to their care and given time for a
free interchange of sentiment and feeling proposed to
the meeting the proper recognition of the Yearly Meeting
for New England held in Westport, N. I. as a coordinate
body of the Society of Friends. John W. Smith and Elizabeth H. Eddy are Clerks, as a coordinate
body of the Society of Friends.

In behalf of the Committee

John W. Smith
Mary B. Best

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Wilson Hall & Clerk
Sina Hall & Clerk

Wilson Hall
Sina Hall Clerks

The adjourn to the time New Friends
may appoint.

Afternoon near the 1st hour Friends
meet.

Gladia S. Barnard on behalf of the
representatives informed the meeting that
the representatives were united in
proposing the names of Elizabeth H. C. C. C.
for Clerk and Mary H. Alden for
assistant Clerk, whose names being
unanimously considered are united with
the meeting, and are accordingly
appointed to those services for the
coming year or until another
appointment.

The Queries have been read at this
sitting with answers thereto from Rhode
Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings.
Letters with answers are received
therefrom which being approved by the
Meeting are to be placed on record.

Apr 1. Next & our meetings for worship
and discipline have been
attended by a considerable portion
of our members when able to attend.
The hour is nearly observed.
Beware of such or other unbecoming
behavior when assembled.

Apr 2. You would make signs to be
maintained, and discipline
guarded against. No differences
have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3. Friends endeavor to bring up those
under their care in plainness
of speech, behavior and attire,
also to discourage unprofitable
reading and corrupt conversation,
and be exemplary herein them-
selves. The Holy Scriptures are

requiring reading. Friends families
He know not but Friends are
careful to maintain our testimony
in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 5. He believe the several ~~commitments~~
contained in this query are
attended to.

Ans. 6. Friends are mostly careful that
all proceedings with respect to

~~commitments~~ are conducted discreetly.

One instance since our last account

Ans. 7. Friends are careful
to inspect their affairs, and
settle their accounts, meet in
their payments of their debts,
and careful to live within the
bounds of their circumstances.

Friends are careful to have all
their marriages, births, deaths
and burials duly recorded.

To remove without certificate.

Ans. 8. A care remains with Friends
to deal with offenders in the
church by discipline,
but none has not attended. The
law is frequently in such cases
has been forced since but some

They have been furnished by men friends
with the records of the suffering for
sufferings which have been read
and are satisfactory.

Then friends informed us that they
had been hereafter the meeting for suffering
is composed of both men and women
friends with which of our meeting committee
and we appoint Agnes Cairns, Mary A. P.
Hoad, Elizabeth C. Cady, Henry Booth,
Anna H. Foster, and James C. Chase
committee to visit with them friends
in learning the names of such friends
as they may think best to constitute
that body.

The adjournment of the same men friends
may conclude to meet tomorrow.

Next day of the week was 4th of the
month, about two in the afternoon
friends again gathered.

The names of the representatives being
called they are all present.

The committee of men and women
friends appointed to be present
of suitable persons to constitute a
body for suffering present the
following viz: Charles Perry, Jesse Tucker,
Thomas Perry, Isaac S. Webster, John H.
Foster, Francis Taber, George Foster, William
F. Hord, Jonathan C. Chase, and William

The business which has come before
us during the different sessions being
unusually influenced of -- under
the weight and solemnity of which
we solemnly purchasing to meet again
at this place in 6th for most of humbled.

Elizabeth H. Eddy.
Clark

To Hasty, Daily Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Friends:

We have been humbled
again to assemble in a daily meeting
this week for the purpose of discussing
the state of the Church and our
hearts are raised with living desires
to our Heavenly Father and care taken
that He will draw near and preserve
us amid the storms and commotions
of the day in which we live, for such
it is a day of deep proving for all
that are concerned to be walking
in the straight and narrow way which
has been trodden in all ages. By the
fountain of a principled and sincere
word. We cannot follow Him unless
we take up the daily cross and do
as He does we are assured that there
should be no darkness, until our lives
shine with brightness, until truth
be in all our hearts and in all our words.

in all our deeds, and faithfulness in all things. This makes the sons and daughters of men a Holy Nation, and a peculiar people, and witnesses of righteousness and favor in the regeneration, and a true servant of Christ is deeply and unfeignedly engaged in himself and the blessing of his divine Master as well as in the presence of men, and he claimeth none, but giveth all the glory to Him, who worketh all his works in Him and fulfilleth himself to be his comfort in the presence of God. Such as these may our Heavenly Father send forth into His Vineyard for the encouragement of His people and the children of the world, who have much cost down for the Lord of Life and they still remain and He sent His Son into the world for our sakes, who brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel; and we are His believers in the glorious plan of redemption, which is unfolded in the scriptures of truth, and His promises there recorded are very precious, and our hearts are not comforted though we are but dust in His great creation, and the little sparrows are not forgotten, even the very hairs of our heads are all numbered. He inviteth all those who labor and are heavy

laden to come unto Him, and he will
give them rest. He promises the Com-
forter whom the Father will send in
His name, and that he will teach them
all things and bring all things to their
remembrance. He will be near those
who do not forsake Him for he will not
forsake the children of men unless they
first forsake Him. How should you
shall dare to doubt that I find
where I have overcome the world, and
when he speaks of me will open the
door and let Him in. He will sub-
merge us with Him, and we shall
of His presence with you in, that it
we endeavor then we will find it and
through good report to be found in
our allotted station, whether it be in
sorrow or in suffering, when we
seek met to release us from the trials
and labors of the day. He will be
around about us, a light and a shin-
ing light, to conduct us safely through
the valley of the shadow of death. I
will trust in faithless. I find the
presence of His story with exceeding
joy.

The foregoing is recited after O. Lister,
dated 11th of June 1853.

Signed on behalf of our Longland
Quarter Meeting of Women Friends held
at the Little Room, Island, by the same
from May 13th to 6th the 15th and 16th
1856. Obedience to the Lord's
Blessing.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Men and Women Friends

Dear Friends

On reading the minute from your Yearly Meeting recognizing our Yearly Meeting as a "Coordinate Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends" The following minute was entered on our books.

We have received at this time the following minute from Ohio Yearly Meeting - which is a strength and comfort to us, and the encouragement is the greater as it approves and vindicates the course pursued by our dear faithful friends who have passed away, and we humbly trust - entered into the rest prepared for the righteous. And the Committee to draft essays of Epistles are requested to prepare a proper reply to the same and forward to that Yearly Meeting and the following was passed and adopted

To our dear Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting
In this our annual gathering we feel encouraged to address you, we trust - through a portion of that Divine Love which reaches from Sea to Sea and from the river to the ends of the earth, and which is extended to all the faithful. We feel to rejoice that we have been enabled to acknowledge our small stripped body, as the rightful representatives of those early sons of the morning who, after a long period of outward formality and declension, were raised up to set forth and by their lives and conversation to bear witness again to the Truth in the earth. It is an encouragement to us that you were strengthened to do this in so great unity of Spirit; and we feel a hope that the coming

influence of heavenly love may bind us together as
members of one body of which Christ is the Head
We realize that - those principles of Truth so pre-
cious to the Fathers have been sadly departed from
and laid waste throughout - the English and Welsh -
this land as also in that - wherein the arising for
the Truth first - appeared. And that - it is only by
living faith - in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; abun-
dantly to his Church revealed will that - strength will
be vouchsafed by which alone the ancient - doctrines and
testimonies of the ever blessed and unchangeable Truth
can be revived and upheld amongst us

We have sometimes been encour-
aged to believe that - even yet there may be a regather-
ing of the people; to build on the immutable Rock
of Ages, both from among those who have strayed a
way from it - and from the highways and hedges
- so that - not only the love of God but his domin-
ion also shall prevail. Then and then only shall
the Church come forth - from her wilderness state
leaning upon her Beloved, clear as the sun, fair as the
noon, and (to the unfaithful) terrible as an army with
banners

With the salutation of love we are your
friends

Signed on behalf and by direction of New
England Yearly Meeting of Men and Women Friends
held at Westfield N.J. by adjournment - from the 13th -
to the 15th of 6th month inclusive. 1886

John W. Foster
Elizabeth F. Eddy

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of 1844 and 1845

Dear Friends,

We regret that your Epistle of last year is not at hand, but as we have been informed by our dear friends who are in attendance from your Yearly Meeting, and from other sources that you was addressed to us; we feel more than willing to assure you that we esteem you as brethren and sisters beloved of the same household of faith. We trust that we are mindful of the declarations of Holy Writ that some of us can redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for him. Yet we are sensible of the benefit of speaking often one to another when the words are uttered with life, and the reading or speaking of such, causes us to feel the circulating love and power of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle says, "The Kingdom of God is not in word but in power."

You are sensible of our small numbers, of our stunted and lonely condition, so that sometimes our hands hang down, and our hearts are hung upon the willows; under these circumstances we did not tell you that the friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings, have not only been acceptable, but their presence and gospel labors have been as a brook by the way, enabling us to thank God and take fresh courage. Our hearts have been made to rejoice in remembering the declaration of the beloved apostle "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."

In view of the efforts being made in different parts of the Lord's Heritage to substitute a more formal religion for that revived and promul

gated by George Fox and his colonists, we met
with you, engaged in our measure to strengthen
the things that are ready to die. Oh! the de-
signableness or unrighteousness! The enemy is
permitted to present his bait in such a man-
ner as to allure and turn aside from the ever-
blessed and unchangeable truth as it is in Jesus,
man both old and young. May the Lord hasten
in His time the day when there shall be a room
in His church like doves to the windows.
When Zion shall again come forth in her
beautiful garments the joy of the whole earth -
and then when any shall say to a prophet -
"come curse me this people" the reply will
be "How shall I curse whom the Lord has not
cursed?" How goodly are the tents in Jacob
and the tabernacles in Israel. Peril no en-
carnation shall prevail against us if we abide
in our tents and the living Church shall yet
come forth bearing upon her beloved clear as
the sun, fair as the moon and terrible as an army
with banners.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends

Signed in direction and on behalf of the
England Yearly Meeting of Friends their af-
fectingly R. S. by adjournments from the 15th to
the 15th of 6th month-inclusive 1886

John W. Foster }
Elizabeth H. Eddy } Clerk

To Some Special Meeting of Men and Women Friends

Dear Friends

We are the drawings of that Cove who
times together before and sister in the same household
of faith, we salute you, rejoicing that you have
been found worthy to suffer for the name and
cause of our blessed Lord and Master. For we
are persuaded that in the turnings and overturning
which have troubled Israel in this our day, you have
borne your part in the afflictions which have been
our common lot, choosing rather to suffer persecu-
tion and distress, than part with those principles which
have distinguished true Friends and true primitive
Christians in every age. It has been especially pain-
ful to all those who have felt constrained to stand for
the old truths to be at variance with the members of the
same body. And which we have desired earnestly,
and anxiously from many such we have not felt
to adopt the language of the Apostle, "Remember my bonds
and prayer to God for me is that they might be
done" for they being ignorant of God's righteousness and go-
ing about to establish their own righteousness have not sub-
mitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

It has been our lot in this part of the time to suffer various and
peculiar trials. Many years ago faithful watchmen on the
walls of our Zion discovered the approach of the enemy and
sounded the alarm throughout the camp; and, though the
world, in form of our time to time, has fully justified the
alarm, yet distress and persecution given to be borne from
our position, and as we have dwelt in the wilderness in
the long and short we have felt as we have endeavored
to keep our position that the stillness of death prevailed and
we have been almost ready to believe that the Lord's prophets
have uttered in vain and his altars digged down, and
his people carried away captive to Babylon to return no

more. Forty years, as regards of age, we are rejoiced to believe that they have not all gone, and that there are yet many in the Land who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Though we have been cut off from the sympathy of others as usually expressed and troubled with a wandering spirit, and condemned to wander in the wilderness for forty years, away from the habitation of man, yet some have almost despaired and been ready to perish, yet we have felt that there was no other course or position for us, and we believe we have at times in our gatherings been able to discern in the stillness the blessed presence of the Master, and have been permitted to partake a little of His table, or that Holy communion even that bread which cometh down from God out of Heaven.

We have received your letter of tenth month last and rejoiced to feel that you are endeavoring to walk in that straight and narrow path which, though at times hard to the flesh, is yet in some way whereby we may find that true peace and spiritual comfort which is necessary to sustain the human soul. Our common desire, as far as for ourselves are that we may all be found giving our individual attention to the openings of divine light in our hearts; and we are fully persuaded that as we are enabled to attend to this, that the blessing of the Most High will rest upon the Church and such of the living members thereof; that we may all persevere in our struggles towards the mark of our high calling, is the earnest desire and prayer of our hearts.

Signed by direction and in behalf of the Conference
meeting at Princeton held at Princeton N. J. by agree-
ments from the 13th to the 15th of 6th inclusive 1886

John W. Foster, Jr.
Elizabeth H. Edgely

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held at Wester, Rhode Island commenced with public worship on first day the 12th of 6th mo 1887. and on second day morning the 13th for Discipline

Accounts have been received at this time from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meetings by which it appears the representatives to this meeting are from Rhode Island Eliza E. Shapell, Anna A. Foster, and Eliza Browning and from Sandwich Elizabeth H. Edgely and Mary Booth - whose names being called are present except one who was prevented from attending by indisposition

Mary Booth, Anna Perry, Eliza Browning and Sarah C. Chase are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries and produce at our next sitting

The Friends who are to write an Epistle from Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends which has been read and adopted by conference are Anna A. Foster, Anna Perry, Sarah C. Chase, Ruth Crandall, and Mary A. Foster

We have also received and read at this time Epistle from Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings of Friends which are satisfactory and comforting to us, and we appoint Anna A. Foster, Anna Perry, Sarah C. Chase, Ruth Crandall, and Mary A. Foster a committee to prepare an Epistle to Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends and to unite with our Friend in preparing

Epistles to such other Yearly Meetings as may may
open for

The representatives are requested to confer togeth-
er at the close of this sitting and agree upon the
names of some friends to serve the mty as Clerks, and
report at our next-sitting

We adjourn to the time when Friends may
appoint this afternoon

Afternoon, near the 4th hour Friends
again met-

Eliza G. Shepley, on behalf of the representatives in-
formed the meeting they were united in proposing the
name of Mary A. Gardner for Clerk, which was
with by the meeting, she is accordingly appointed to
that service for the ensuing year. On account of
our diminished number, the appointment of an
assistant Clerk is not considered practicable at the
time

The Queries have been read at this sit-
ting with a new Memo from Rhode Island
Sabbath School Meetings, together with a sur-
vey prepared therefrom, which will be approved
by the meeting are to be placed on record

Ans 1st - Our meetings for religious worship
and assistance have been attended except a few
small meetings have not been kept up on account
of the sickness of the number and ill health of some
of the members. The hour is much desired.
Friends mostly preserved from sin

No other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd Love and unity in a good degree main-
-tained, and detraction guarded against—
No differences apparent—

Ans 3rd We believe Friends exercise some care
to promote good behaviour and appre-
ciation, also to discourage pernicious reading and to be
exemplary in themselves, and that the Holy
Scriptures are read in Friends' families.

Ans 4th Friends are careful to maintain their
testimonies in regard to this query.

Ans 5th None needing assistance. No children
placed from among Friends.

Ans 6th There are two cases of marrying out-
of one Society which have not attracted
attention.

Ans 7th We believe Friends are mostly careful
as to the several parts of this query.

Ans 8th We believe Friends are careful
to inspect their affairs and settle their
accounts, punctual to their promises, just
in the payment of their debts, and careful
to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Friends are careful as to records
removed since our last account.

Ans 10th - Friends feel a care to deal with offen-
-ders as queried after No judgment placed
since our last account -

We have been furnished by Men Friends
with the records of the Meeting for Sufferings, which
have been read and are interesting and satisfactory
to us

Men Friends inform that they have
appointed a committee to propose names of
Friends to compose the Meeting for Sufferings,
with which this meeting united on June 10th.
Mary Wood, Mary W. Cadwell and Anna B. Child
are appointed a committee to consult with Men
Friends for that purpose

The response is in the affirmative
concerning to meet tomorrow

Third day of the week and 14th of the month
about two in the afternoon Friends again gathered

The names of the representatives being called, all
are present - who were at the first sitting

The committee of Men and Women Friends
appointed to propose the names of persons to con-
-stitute a Meeting for Sufferings. present the fol-
-lowing. viz Charles Perry, Jesse Tucker, Isaac P
Wilbur, John W Foster, Thomas Perry, George Fos-
ter, William F Wood, John Barclay Foster, Anna
A Foster Anna Perry Elizabeth H Edger and
Mary A Gardner.

George Foster for
the committee

The report has been read and approved by this meeting and the Friends therein named are appointed to constitute a meeting for the friends

The Women Friends named at a previous sitting to unite with Men Friends in preparing Epistles to such Yearly Meetings as may hereafter open for have introduced one at this time addressed to Western Yearly Mtg of Women Friends which has been read, and approved by this meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward the same on behalf of the meeting.

The Clerk has also introduced Epistles addressed to Kansas and Iowa Yearly Meetings of Women Friends which have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign the same in conjunction with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting.

The business which has come before us during the different sittings, being satisfactorily disposed of, we adjourn, purposing to meet again at this place at the usual time in six months to read & forward letters.

Mary A. Gardner Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of 1851 Friends

Dear Friends,

It is a favor that we have again assembled in a Yearly Meeting capacity, to transact the affairs of the Church, and we feel a concern to walk worthy of the Lord's witness to His children, craving that He will send forth as in this time of need but will be near and "teach us of His ways that our conversation may be as becometh the Gospel of Christ" for we are unable of our own inability to do any good thing, word or work, without His help.

We have received your dear letter & rejoice of 9th month last, and are rejoiced that you have kept to your integrity in principle, and may you be encouraged to press forward and be enabled to give us your measure of the Church's supplies, and the Lord sustain and strengthen you in all your trials "For greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world," and may our dear suffering Friends whom there are, in our midst, our selves keep in their afflictions and bear patiently all the burning and overburning of His Holy hand until we may be purified from the dross, and the reprobate silver, and become more and more a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

The Apostle in Philippians 4th 23rd says "For ye in is given in the behalf of Christ" and our own to serve in this behalf is for His sake," and this same Apostle who suffered the loss of all things that he might win Christ, speaks of Jesus Christ, a great tribulation even unto death of whom he says "the world was not worthy" It is enough for

the disciple to be as his Master and the servant
as his Lord" Your Epistle says "Truth is
Truth though all men away forsake it; and
perhaps there was a time in which the
Lord was not preserved some faithful witness
for it." We feel this to be true, and no doubt
it was through suffering, and wherever they may be
scattered through the world, to these the Lord will
be gracious, and speak comfortableness saying, Fear
not little flock it is your Father's good pleasure to
give you the Kingdom. And His love to the chil-
dren of men was such that He provided a way
and means by the one great atoning sacrifice, to
give them the capacity to walk in the high
way of holiness, and with him in the way of
holiness. Through, if they give diligent heed
and attention to the directions of their blessed
Guide, who attends the wayfarer through the
whole journey. Now His terms must be com-
plied with, He does not care for seeking af-
ter the treasures nor the fading pleasures of this
world, but for those that are enduring, that
appertain to life and salvation. That Truth
may prevail over us and every thought brought
into the obedience of Christ, subjecting our
wills to the will of God. And if happily
we experience this, then may we hope, that
when time to us shall be no more, that we
may enter into the Celestial City with a crown
of joy and rejoicing, where all tears are wiped
away, and there to behold the Lamb that re-
deems us, and the just of all generations.

We have no strangers in attendance

this year, but our Heavenly Father has been called
to support and strengthen us

With the assistance
of dear love we are your sisters

Signed on behalf of New England Yearly Meeting
of Women Friends held at Wetherfield, Rhode Island
by adjournments from the 12th of 6th mo to the 14th
inclusive 1887

Mary A. Gardner, Secy

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

When the Epistle from your meeting
was read in this our annual meeting we were
reminded of the unbounded love of God for the
children of whatever nation, tongue, kindred or people,
for God is no respecter of persons, and we feel to ex-
claim, Thanks be unto God for this unspeakable
gift. We have met together this year in much
poverty and weakness, yet we trust we were not
unmindful of the precious promises found in
Holy Writ for our guidance and preservation
and we are abundantly assured that our work will
through faithfulness to the light of Christ in their souls
were made instrumental in reviving primitive Christian-
ity, and if these principles are lived up to and car-
ried out in spirit in our daily lives and conversation
we shall be richly rewarded; for it is not he that crieth
Lord, Lord, but he that doeth the will of our Heavenly
Father that is accepted of Him. Although no
Friends from other Yearly Meetings met with us, yet
we believe the Lord was with us and poured out

sometimes cause to feel in our meetings that in
the minds of some there is too much looking after
some great things. - Too many like Nathaniel when
he said, - "Can there any good thing come out
of Nazareth?" Truly we must have some-
thing to see! Oh that it might be impressed upon the
minds of all to come and see.

We would encourage all Friends where-
ever situated to strive to be found faithful
in the little things that are committed to our
hands individually, and we believe it would
tend to strengthen the faith and the love
of our Father in heaven, and we feel that
the Kingdom of God is at hand.

In conclusion,
Brothers and sisters let us remember that the
foundation of God standeth sure, having this
seat, the Lord knoweth them that are His
and though you have been afflicted
and persecuted for His name, yet
are sure, and He shall endureth to the end and shall
be saved, - shall be clothed in white raiment
and enter in through the gates into that celestial
city - the New Jerusalem where the redeemed and
redeemed shall ever be at rest -

Signed by direction and in behalf of the
Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Westport, Maine
Island on adjournment from the 12th to 14th of 1887
inclusive 1888

John H. Foster
James A. Gardner Clerk

To Iowa Clergy, Ministers & Friends

Dear Friends

in the past we have been encouraged to press forward in the Cause of Truth, on hearing your very acceptable Epistle read in our Meeting, and it is strengthening to us to know that there is a hungering and thirsting after righteousness in the hearts of the people, and that there are those in the younger walks of life coming to the fold of Christ - to be fed with that Good. That is convenient for us.

We read in the Holy Scriptures that - He will never leave nor forsake those who implicitly trust in Him, and pray - these dear young people who have joined with you continue in the true faith - and be willing to be standard bearers in the army of the Lord fighting His battles in His own time and strength. You He is a Leader who was never foiled in battle.

And may they in all humility come to Him who is ever ready and willing to hear those who cry unto Him for help. And we firmly believe

He is abundantly able to help those, and keep them by His almighty power that they may overcome the fiery darts of the enemy; and they will bear the language "Thou shalt overcome with I make a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God which is the name which smeth down out of Heaven from my God, and I will write

upon them my new name".

We are pleased to learn that-harmony
exists among you and it is our heart-felt-
desire that-this Heavenly Harmony may ever pre-
vail within your borders, and that-the Dove of
the Spirit dwells upon you and us may some day be
but all may follow after the true Light-that-will
ever lead them in the true and living way that-
leads to Life and glory.

Although there were no Friends with
us this year your other greatly loved ones, we
do feel gratefully to acknowledge that-the reach-
ing arm of the Lord was round about-us and His
living presence was felt throughout-the happiest sit-
ings of the meeting.

And now dear friends fare-
well, and may the Love of Christ-which constrain-
eth us, be with you forever, and may all true
Friends throughout-the length-and breadth-of this
land be so soon and well united in the true bonds
of peace and brotherly Love

Signed by direction and on behalf of the
England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at
Westley House, London, by adjournment from
the 12th to the 14th of 6th inclusive 1887

John H. Foster
Mary A. Gardner Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for
New England held at Westerly Rhode Island
commencing with public meetings for worship
on first day the tenth & sixth month 1888
and on second day morning the eleventh for
Discipline.

Accounts have been received at this time
from Rhode Island, and Sandwich Quarterly
meetings by which it appears that the repre-
sentatives to this meeting are, from Rhode
Island Anna A Foster Eliza C Sheffield, Ann
Perry, Eliza F Lawrence and Mabel A Cran-
dall, from Sandwich Lydia S Barnard
and Susannah H Eddy, whose names being
called are all present except one, who was
prevented from attending by indisposition.

We are informed by the accounts from the
Quarterly Meetings that Rhode Island Quarterly
meeting has united with South Kingstown
monthly meeting in the appointment of George
Foster, & Mabel A Crandall and Mary A Gardner
to the station of Elders, and that Sandwich
Quarterly meeting has united with Dartmouth
monthly meeting in the appointment of Jesse
Sacket and Elizabeth H Eddy to the same
station.

We have in attendance, at this Yearly
meeting, our beloved Friend Ann Branson, with
a certificate from the Sandwich Quarterly meeting
dated April 26th 1888, expressing of their
unity with her religious prospects within our
limits, as set forth therein - she being a minister

in unity with them - and endorsed by Short-
Creek Quarterly Meeting held at - Harrisville
Ohio 5th Mo 1848. Her company and
Gospel labors have been very acceptable, being in-
structive comforting and encouraging to all.

We have also the company of our beloved friend
Abigail Sears with a certificate from Flushing
monthly meeting Ohio held 5th Mo 24th 1848. Expres-
sive of their unity with her prospect - to accompany
Ann Branson on her proposed religious visit, she
being an Elder in unity with them. Her com-
pany and solid deportment - have been comfort in-
to us.

We have also the company of our
beloved friend Jacob Holloway with a certificate
from Flushing monthly meeting Ohio held 5th Mo
24th 1848, expressive of their unity with his pro-
spect - to accompany Ann Branson on her pro-
posed religious visit, as assistant - her fiancé
being an Elder in unity with them. His
company and solid deportment - have been com-
forting to us.

Mary Booth, Lydia I Barward, Ann Perry,
Elizabeth H Eddy, Anna H Chace and Emma
A. H. Perry are appointed to prepare a summary
from the minutes to the business and present to
our next sitting.

We have received, and read at this time
Epistles from Ohio and Western Yearly Meetings
of Western Yearly Meetings; also Epistles from
and Kansas Yearly Meetings of Friends; all of which have been very acceptable
and interesting to us, strengthening and encour-

Elizabeth H. Eddy, Anna A. Foster, Ann Perry,
Elizabeth H. Foster, John M. Duffin, Arthur H.
Chase and Mary A. Gardner. A committee to
prepare Epistles to the Western Yearly meet-
ings of Friends and to write with our
Friends in preparing Epistles to such other yearly
meetings as they may deem good.

The resolutions are presented to confer together
at the close of this sitting and agree upon the
names of some Friends to serve the meeting as Clerks.

We adjourn to such time as Men Friends may
propose this afternoon.

Afternoon, near the 4th hour Friends
again met-

Lydian T. Barnard, on behalf of the representa-
tives informed the meeting that they were
united in proposing that Anne A.
Gardner for Clerk and Elizabeth H. Eddy, for
secretary. And being united with by the meet-
ing, they are accordingly appointed to those
services for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read at this sitting, with
answers thereto from Friends of the Sandwich
Quarterly meetings together with a summary
of the same which being approved by
the meeting are to be placed on record.

Summary

Ans 1st- Nearly all our meetings, for worship and discipline have been attended by most of our members when it is ability to attend. Two small meetings have now been kept up during part of the year. One report states that the week day meetings have not been as well attended as would be desirable. The house is rarely visited by non-Friends. Mostly preserved from sloppiness and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd Love and unity generally maintained and a care felt to guard against detraction. No differences apparent.

Ans 3rd Some Friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, and to restrain them from profane speaking and from the corrupt conversation of the world. But more care in these respects, and a better example on the part of some parents would be desirable. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans 4th- Friends are clear as regards the use of spirituous liquors and the frequenting of taverns and places of public resort. Modesty and temperance generally observed on most occasions.

Ans 5th- The several parts of this year are attended to

Ans 6th - I am sorry to hear of our
Society, to which attention has been given.

Ans 7th - Most Friends are careful as to the
several parts of this query

Ans 8th - We believe Friends are careful to
respect their claims and settle their ac-
counts, punctual to their promises and
just in the payment of their debts, and
careful to live within the bounds of their
circumstances

Ans 9th - Careful as to records. No remo-
vals without certificates

Ans 10th - Some ~~care~~ is taken to deal with
offenders. No judgement since our last
account.

We have been furnished with the records of
the Meeting for Sufferings, which have been
read and are satisfactory to us. Men Friends
propose the appointment of the same friends
to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings in the
ensuing year, with which this Meeting unite.

We adjourn to meet at two o'clock tomorrow
afternoon

Third day of the week and 12th of the month -
about 10 in the afternoon Friends again met -

The names of the representatives being called, all
are present - the same as the first sitting.

The Women Friends named at a previous sitting
to unite with Men Friends in preparing Epistles
to such Quarterly Meetings as may might be open for
have presented one addressed to Western, and
also one to Ohio Quarterly Meetings & Women Friends,
which have been read and approved and the
Club is directed to sign and forward the same
on behalf of this meeting. The joint-committee
of Men and Women Friends have also presented
Epistles addressed to Houses and Town Quarterly
Meetings of Men and Women Friends, which have
been read and approved by this meeting and the
Club is directed to sign the same in conjunction
with the Club of the Men's meeting.

Men Friends have presented returning minutes
prepared for our beloved Friends Anne Branson
Abigail Sears, and Jacob Holloway, which have been
read and approved by this meeting and the Club
is directed to sign the same on its behalf; and
place them on record.

Viz

Our beloved ancient-Friend Ann Branson has
attended this meeting with a certificate from Friends
in Monthly meeting Ohio endorsed by Short Creek
Quarterly Meeting liberating her to attend New England
and Yearly Meeting and the meeting committee
do to appoint some meetings within the limits
of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and appoint
as way may open for its social meetings among

These are members; and informing that
she is a minister in unity with the
the company and Gospel labors have been
very instructive, comforting, and encouraging
to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish
her with a copy of this minute.

Taken from the minutes of New England Yearly
Meeting of Friends held at Westerly Rhode Island
by adjournment - from the 10th of sixth month -
to the 12th of the same inclusive 1888.

John W Foster Clerk
Mary A Gardner

Our beloved Friend Abigail Stebbins has attended
this meeting with a certificate from the
Monthly Meeting Ohio liberating her to accompany
Ann Branson in her proposed religious services
and informing that she is an Elder in unity
with them. Her company and advice report
ment have been comforting to us.

Taken from the minutes of New England Yearly
Meeting of Friends held at Westerly Rhode Island
by adjournment - from the 10th of sixth month - to
the 12th of the same inclusive 1888

John W Foster
Mary A Gardner Clerk

Our beloved Friend Isaac Williams has attended
this meeting with a certificate from the
Monthly Meeting Ohio liberating him to accompa-
ny Ann Branson in her proposed religious services
and stating that he is an Elder in unity with

The. His company and solid deportment have
been comforting to us.

Taken from the minutes of New England Yearly
Meeting of Friends held at Westbury Rhode Island
by Adjournment - from the 10th to the 12th inclusive
to the 12th of the same, inclusive, 1888.

John H. Foster. Clerk
Mary A. Gardner.

Having through Divine Grace been permitted to
transact the business there before the
different sittings of this, our annual assembly,
in much unity and consecration of spirit, under
the weight and solemnity of which we conducted,
purposing to meet again at this place in about
month next - of consistent and true service with.

Mary A. Gardner Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends

Deeply humbled under a sense of
our weakness and unworthiness, we have once more
assembled together in a Yearly Meeting capacity to look
into the Affairs of the Church. We are sometimes
discouraged, and often cast down for we are not by far
as numerous as of old, and our numbers are young from work
to rewards, and some of our young people have removed
to other parts of the country. We have been brought to feel our blessed
company. We have been brought to feel our blessed
in the declaration when the Lord "thine is the
glory."

We have received your acceptable Epistle of month
month last and was comforted that you had not
flinched by the way, but held your allegiance and
stood fast on the ancient foundation and we were
enabled to take a little courage and hope that we
are not forsaken by the Head of the Church, but that
He who is rich in mercy, will be a present help
in the need that is, and if we do experience
this help we can do all things that He may re-
quire of our hands. We learn by your Epistle that
the subject of a religious and guarded education
for your children, claimed your consideration.

What greater blessing can be bestowed on our
children than such an education; Can we love
them without desiring their eternal happiness and
it will be thought to begin early to be very watch-
ful and see good seed in their hearts, and see to
it that the enemy does not sow tares among the
wheat, that they be restrained from every hurt-
ful thing, especially pernicious books for the world
is full of them which poison the young and
taint the mind.

Through loving watchfulness
and this restraining influence, some have been
brought early to their Saviour, who died for
them, and who, true to His promise, teaches their
tender minds spiritually as well as by Scripture
and in this we are desirous to commendate the
Lord's gracious dealings in thus early visiting them.

Though they may be ignorant of
the nature of deep religious feeling, yet it is cer-
tainly often implanted upon them in the morning
of their days.

It is a blessed word
that their parents must be engaged in, & their
schools they cannot do it, but it is through Christ-
the helper of His people that will enable them to
sustain and cooperate with this blessed Spirit-

and may we individually have a more lively concern,
and become more engaged for all our brethren's testimony
(for these are a bridge about the children) and
that we may experience a growth and stability in
the faith - advancing step by step towards an establish-
ment therein that the standards of truth be exalted
and we become living epistles, known and read of all
men.

We have at this time the company of dear Friends
from Ohio whose Gospel Labours are very refreshing
to our minds - and which we do esteem as a
token for good that our Father is still surrounded by us.

With the salutation of dear love we
are your sisters.

Signed on behalf and by direction of New England
Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Boston
Rhode Island by adjournment from the 11th to the
6th month - to the 12th of the same inclusive 1858

Mary A Gardner, Clerk.

To this Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends

We are very thankful to our Father
by Father that he has put it into your hearts to send
as a line of encouragement and comfort for
been traveling through the wilderness of deep discour-
agement - and none in a society capacity to reach
out a helping hand until within a few years.
and it is a marvel to us that we are so
alive, for we have been sustained almost from the
Commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the
promise, by the great faith of Friends.

So, like David of old, we have stood alone
and we have sometimes been ready to exclaim
Where is the Lord God of Elijah?
Your sympathetic Epistle is very precious to
our little hearts, acknowledging a fellowship
with us in the Lord's cause. For the last few
years we have corresponded with three of the
smaller bodies of Friends which has been as a brook
by the way; the waters of which were truly refresh-
ing to our thirsty souls. They having suffered
in the same cause. We had much craved
the fellowship of dear Friends who were of the
same household of Faith - and struggled against
the mighty current - of apostasy which is run-
ning with increased and increasing force, threat-
ening to sweep away what is left of the goodly
heritage of our Forefathers.

We have nothing to
boast of but are deeply humbled, a poor little com-
pany. Our valiant nearly all gone from works
to hermits, and the language to us is 'be ye also
ready'. We have had many afflictions to
pass through, but the Lord has been near, and
in all our afflictions he was afflicted and the
power of His presence saved us.

It is in this School
of Christ that we may advance step by step in the
glorious Truth, and our eye to the Father & our ear
is that He will preserve us a living people, that
the standard of Truth be exalted, and that the
Covenant may come up from the wilderness, lean-
ing upon the arm of her Beloved, clear as the
sun, fair as the moon, and ^{to the ungodly} terrible as an army
with banners.

It is evident that a correspondence
of the different bodies of Friends, does have a count-

ing influence upon their hearts, and may it help them
thence to the Fountain of Light and Life.

We gather
from your Epistle that the condition of your meeting
is prosperous and encouraging, and a large num-
ber this year, and the dear home people also much
interested, no doubt preparing them to come forward
in the good work that before very long, must rest upon
their shoulders. And the interest in the children's
education, as expressed is very anxious, for what greater
blessing can be bestowed on our precious children
than a guarded and religious education in the faith
of Friends. For this I may work for them "a way"
more exceeding and eternal weight & glory."

We have the
company of dear Friends from your land, whose
Covenant labours are strengthening and comforting to us,
and we believe they are a testimony to our
generally Father whose care is over all His people.

With the salutation of dear love we are your
sisters

Signed on behalf, and by direction
of New England Yearly Meeting to William H. H.
held at Westerly Rhode Island in adjournment,
from the tenth of the sixth month to the twelfth
of the same inclusive 1888

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

At Town Yearly Meetings of Men and Women Friends

Dear Friends

Having again the privilege of assembling together in this our dear Mother-church we profess with thanksgiving to the Divine will, we are brought into a humbling sense of our condition, feeling that without His help we are as aliens from the covenants of His Lords precious promises. Yet our hearts are made to rejoice in the belief that His ever-merciful eye is ever watching over His children, and His ever-ready arms are ready to support them. And at this time we are made to feel unworthily sensible that there is safety only in a humble dependence on Him, that when we feel our strength is our own, it is easier to cast all our care upon Israel's Shepherd who never is able to save, who is strong in weakness, rich in poverty and is present helped in every needful time.

When Israel was encompassed with mountains on either side, the sea before them, and their enemies beset them, and so their way of escape remained, then it was that their God provided a path for their deliverance, and the destruction of their enemies. And we, who are often made to feel the experience of all who, when trials and doubts arise are made willing to trust in His preserving care.

Your acceptable Epistle of last year, with others from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond having been read in our Meeting at this time to our edification and encouragement, and though feeling poor and weak, we find our hearts drawn out in love to you, and desire again to salute you in this way.

We have the company of our aged and esteemed Friend Mrs. Branson and her companions from the same place, and we are ever so acceptable, and we are humbly thankful to the Giver of every perfect gift.

He has brought them back, and made them feel a
sincere sense of our condition, and has caused them to
join the little community (which is now about 100 in
number) and have come to be a people, but believe that
the same power that calls us to us in the evening of our
days is abundantly able to cause the wilderness to blossom
as the rose and streams to flow through any place to his own
glory, we are a little revived. And to Him who is able to
hold you and us as in the hollow of His holy hand, do we
desire lovingly to commend you, praying and trusting that
He may be so kind as to give us all to save perfect and
keep us that when time has run its course, we
may all be prepared to enter into those heavenly mansions
to unite with the ransomed and redeemed of the Lord.

Signed on behalf and by direction of New England
Yearly Meetings of Men and Women Friends held at West
Hill Rhode Island by adjournments from the tenth
of the sixth-month to the twelfth of the same inclu-
sive 1888.

John W. Foster. Secy.
Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

To Kansas Yearly Meetings of Men and Women Friends

Dear Friends

In this our annual assembly, we are
again comforted by Epistles from other Yearly Meetings and
while desirous that this society of men and women, our brethren,
may not degenerate into formality, with thankfulness
we acknowledge your acceptable letter to us, and desire
to encourage you to hold the beginning of your confidence
steadfast - and to continue to press forward
towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

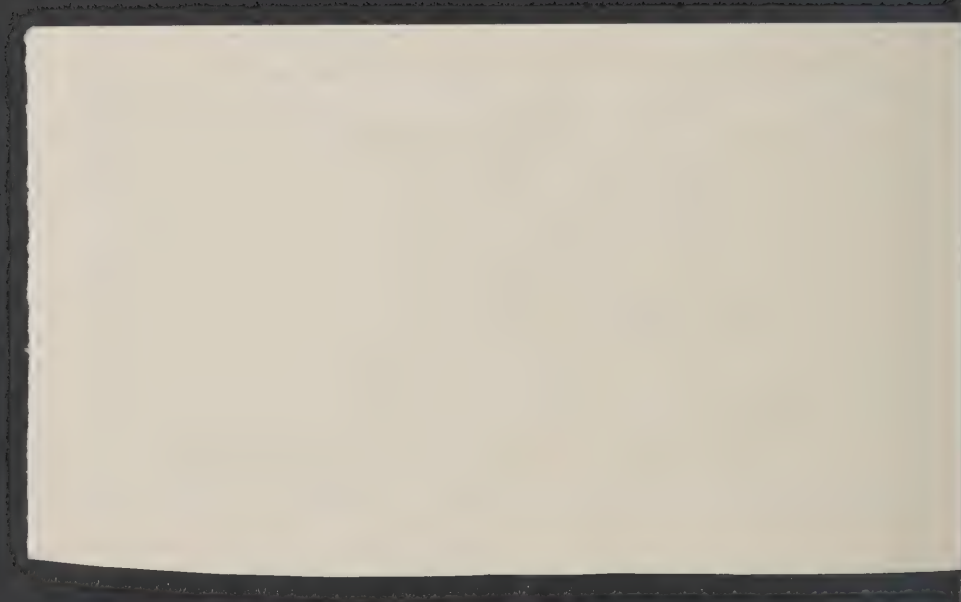
...ly persuaded that there is no new way
to attain unto the rest prepared for the people of God.
The great Captain of our Salvation was made perfect
through suffering, and it is enough for the disciple to be as
his Master and the servant as his Lord.

We are oftentimes brought very low in consideration
of our own shortcomings and unfaithfulness. Yet we
are no other way than to draw with deep and unfeigned
penitence to the Lord who will have mercy
and unto our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
To get low and humble is what we all need, and we do
believe that the trials permitted to come upon us as a
people should have, and we hope will have a tenden-
cy to humble us and bring us nearer to the Fountain
of Light and Life.

While in some, not of our name, we
see recognized the importance of the gifts of holiness,
in many there is being incorporated with religious worship
much that is of the character of amusement and very
formality, and even many claiming to be Friends are
not sitting in the midst of which we forget
the true meaning of the necessity of our address, both
to our spiritual worship and keeping to a living Ministry,
that no license be given to an abundance of words with-
out life. But while we thus sit we freely acknow-
ledge our weakness and our need of a slightly better
word of the Gospel, and feel to encourage all dear young
people who are constrained to enter this humbling and
our service, and we do not see any other way
where which mark great recompense of reward, but
keep a single eye to the witness for Truth in our
own hearts and then though often tried as to an hour
breath, we shall feel that the "foundation of God stand-
eth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them
that are his."

We have at this time the company of

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The doctrines and testimonies of truth -
as promulgated by all faithful friends
from the rise of the Society, are, we
are sincerely persuaded it necessary
to be maintained now as at our
former period. Hence the necessity -



some dear Friends from their joyful families, who have
been very susceptible amongst us and we do feel it to
be an evidence that - we are not forsaken

Oh God for the dear Friends who have
been brought into suffering through the cross. Let
them remember that they are under the Lord's im-
mediate notice, for the Saviour said "not a sparrow
falls without it" and "He feeds the young ravens when
they cry." We cannot understand and search out His
ways, for they are past finding out, but we can rest
in this, that He is underneath and doeth all things
well. The Patriarch David said "I have been young
and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous
forsaken nor His seed begging bread." Habakkuk the
Prophet declares "Although the fig tree not blossom, nor
shall fruit be in the vines, the labour of the olive
shall fail, and the fields shall yield no wheat, the flock
shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no
sheep in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will
joy in the God of my salvation. Do we consider
what dependant creatures we are? for in Him we
live and move and have our being. That it is
His care and mercy that supports his every hour
of our lives; if this should be withdrawn, and we
left to ourselves and to the devouring elements, sickness
and death would reign. But let us rest in the
protection of this Almighty Being, whose presence
fills the universe and whose care extends to the
remotest provinces of creation. Let it be
our meat and our drink to know His will and
do it and give to Him for refuge in the day
of trouble, and be patient under all our tribu-
lations for the time here is shortly and we shall
soon be called home to be seen of our
more

Oh that every affliction may work for our

purification, and furtherance in the Truth; and
then He would be willing to owe us for His peculiar
people and cause as to His first-fruits in
splendor.

Signed on behalf and by direction of New
England Yearly Meetings of Men and Women
Friends, held in Westley Rhode Island, by adjourn-
ments - from the tenth of sixth month to the
twelfth of the same inclusive 1888

John W Foster
Mary A Gardner Clerks

At our Yearly Meetings of Women Friends for
New England held at Westley Rhode Island
commencing with public meetings for worship on
first day the 16th of 6th month - 1889 and on second
day morning the 17th for Discipline

Accounts have been received at this time from
Boston, Maine and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings
by which it appears that the representatives appointed
to attend this meeting are - from Rhode Island
Anna C. Foster, Eliza G. Triggfield, Ruth A. Cran-
dall and Lydia F. Nichols, and from Sandwich
Mary Booth and Elizabeth H. Eddy, whose names
being called they are all present -

We are informed by the account from Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting, that they concur with Dartmouth
Quarterly Meeting in the appointment of Lydia F.
Nichols and Anne G. Nichols to the Station of
Clerks.

Martha B. Sheffield Emma A. F. Perry, and Mary C. & R. Wood are appointed to prepare a Summary from the answers to the queries and present it at our next sitting.

We have received, and read at this time very acceptable Epistles from Ohio and Western Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, and joint Epistles from Kansas and Iowa Yearly Meetings, all of which were very comforting and encouraging to us. We appointed Anna M. Foster, Elizabeth H. Eddy, Mary Booth, Ann Perry, Abby W. Gardner, and Mary C. Wood, a committee to prepare Epistles to Ohio and Western Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, and to unite with Men Friends in preparing Epistles to such other Yearly Meetings as may be open for.

The representatives are desired to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree upon the names of some Friends to serve the meeting as Clerks. 7

No further business claiming our attention at this sitting we adjourn to the time when Friends may propose for this afternoon.

Afternoon, near the 4th-hour Friends again assembled.

Eliza B. Sheffield on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting that they were united in proposing the names of Abby W. Gardner for Clerk and Elizabeth H. Eddy for Assistant Clerk which being considered, are united with and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read at this sitting and
answers to each from Rhode Island and Providence
readily coming, also a memorial prepared there
from friends being approved by this meeting it to be
placed on record.

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Answer 1st- Most of our meetings for worship and
discipline have been attended by nearly all of our
members when of ability to attend - Except two small
meetings for worship in one quarter which are not kept
up. One report says the week day meetings are very
much neglected by a portion of our members.
The hour nearly observed. Most
refrained from giving up to sleep. No other unde-
coring behavior when assembled.

Answer 2nd Love and unity chiefly maintained,
and a care felt to guard against dissension.
No differences apparent.

Answer 3rd Some care is exercised in regard to
plainness of speech behavior and apparel
and to discourage pernicious games and the corrupt
conversation of the world, but more care in these
respects and a better example on the part of some
Parents would be desirable.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures are
generally read in Friends' families.

Answer 4th- Friends are careful as to the use of
spirited liquors, no frequenting of taverns or
places of public resort. Modest and temper-
ate are generally observed on most occasions.

Answer 5th The several parts of this query are
attended to.

Answer 6th- We believe that Parents and Heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline & Two cases of marrying out of Society one of which is under care.

Answer 7th- We believe that most Friends maintain their testimonies in the several parts of this query and a few attend meetings of other denominations.

Answer 8th- We believe Friends are careful to manage their affairs and settle their accounts punctual to their promises just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Answer 9th- The records are attended to - No removals without certificate.

Answer 10th- Friends feel a concern to deal with offenders as required by discipline - the one report way had not opened for placing judgments since the last account.

We have been furnished with the Records of the Meeting for Sufferings which have been read and are satisfactory to us.

Then Friends are united in proposing the reappointment of the same friends to constitute a meeting for Sufferings with which this meeting unites.

No further business coming before us at this sitting we adjourn to ~~the~~ ^{the} time as men Friends may propose.

On Third day the 18th of the month - near
one third hour in the afternoon Friends again met -
the representatives being called they
are all present.

The Women Friends named at a previous sitting
to unite with the Friends in preparing Epistles
to such yearly Meetings as way might open
for the presence of, addressed to Western,
and to this Yearly Meeting & Women Friends
which was read and approved, and the
Clerk is directed to sign and forward them, on
behalf of this meeting. The joint-committee
of the Western & Kansas Yearly Meetings presented
Epistles addressed to Kansas, Iowa, and Canada
Yearly Meetings which have been read, and are
approved by this meeting and the Clerk is di-
rected to sign the same in conjunction with
the Clerk of the men's meeting.

We have had at this Yearly Meeting the
company of our dear Friends Ellen and Cath-
erine Carter from Kansas Yearly Meeting,
which has been very acceptable and encouraging
to us.

We have been favored through Divine
assistance to accomplish the business that has come
before us, in unity, and with a good degree of satisfac-
tion. Under a solemn covenant, and with a sense
of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his loving care
over us, we conclude to postpone to meet again in
next month, at this place is consistent with the
Divine Will.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends

We have felt a deep sense of the importance of our thus assembling together at this time, with our minds impressed with the object of our so doing, and our earnest wish is, that we may at this time and in this yearly meeting, be more deeply engaged in the Lord's cause; that there may be a willingness wrought-in us, to see ourselves, as the Lord sees us.

And may we be engaged in deep sorrows of heart before Him, and be preserved growing in grace, and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Your truly sympathetic Elix. We was received and read to our satisfaction. We did not mean to complain of our Friends or others dealing with us, but rather to magnify His ever excellent Name, for He certainly knows what is best for us. We had passed through many deep trials, and like Joseph of old, we had been separated for a long time from our Father's house by false brethren, so the our lonely and isolated condition the removal of so many of our standard bearers, one by one from this Church militant, on whom we had leaned, was truly a cause of mourning to us. We could not enlarge for you have passed through the same kind of suffering, and we feel that you are among the tried ones, and may the Lord be near and sustain you, for we cannot keep ourselves, nor can we of ourselves, ever worship Him acceptably in spirit and in truth, nor do any good thing to His honor. But we can be low at His feet and in this place of safety, wait until He arise, and

put songs of thanksgivings into our hearts

May we all have the same that eternal inheritance, and remember that we are strangers and pilgrims upon the earth, that we seek a city, that we are pilgrims in that better country, ^{which is the home of the righteous} and that none of its inhabitants can say I am sick or in trouble, and the people that dwell there have been forgiven their iniquities.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord will be near in time of trouble for this is among the all things that work together for the good of those that love Him, that they may obtain admittance within the pearl gate and this crowns all.

We have the company of some dear friends from Haverhill yearly meeting which has been very comforting and encouraging to us.

With love Your Friends,

Signed on behalf, and by direction of New Eng. Land Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Haverhill, Mass. Oct. 1st, by adjournments, from the 16th of 6th mo to the 18th of the same inclusive M^{rs}.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk

To Our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends

Through the Lord's continual goodness we have again assembled in a yearly meeting capacity and may we be found thankful for all his multiplied mercies for they are new every morning every hour.

We wrote with you in your epistle, that - the Lord hath
not forsaken us. But in our circumstances we are still
followed as a religious Society, both immediately by
the Head of the Church, and instrumentally with the
upon line and precept-upon precept". The way looks
easier now, as to the outward, than it was in the ear-
lier days of our forefathers: for they were persecuted and
stripped of their outward substance - yet they counted
these losses to be gain in order that they might win
Christ. Our Saviour said Take any yoke upon you
and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart.
May we be more willing to be meek and lowly of heart
and yield our necks to the same precious yoke of Christ
that they took on them, and by so doing they found it to
be all sufficient - to bring into subjection the spirit of the
world, that has gained such an ascendancy over many
amongst us at the present day. Your truly sympathizing
epistle we have received and on the reading
of it we were comforted, and our hearts were melted
with love towards you, and you have appeared
to comprehend the situation of this England yearly waning
and of our late worthies who are now released
from the conflicts of time and gone to their reward,
and that there has ^{not} been in ~~the~~ ^{their} history of this Society
a parallel case touching their persecutions and the
sufferings, and reproaches, which were heaped upon them.

And we are thankful to the Father of Mer-
cies that there is a remnant preserved, here and there
who are not ashamed to acknowledge their allegiance
to their divine Lord and Master, and who feel that
the principles advocated by their forefathers in the days
that are past are very precious, - they having the im-
mutable Truth for their foundation must continue
to stand when all the structures and systems of hu-
man invention shall be swept away. The militant
Church has been sustained from 1842, for the

Lord & Gods will have a people with whom He can
glorify His holy name. And if they will be engaged
to give all things to consecrate & sanctify their all to Him
He will not fail to strengthen them by His holy
Spirit for the work and service which He requires at
their hands. And He will enable them, likewise to
stand in their day for a defence of His glorious
cause, giving them to experience the blessedness of His
salvation, and in the end everlasting life.

We have the company of some dear Friends from
Kansas yearly meeting whose presence is cheering
to us.

With dear love we are your Friends

Signed on behalf and by direction of New England
Yearly meeting of Women Friends held at Walsley
Island by adjournments from the 16th of 6th
month to the 18th of the same, inclusive, 1887

May W. Gardner. Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meetings of Friends

Dear Friends

During the reading at this
time of the epistles given the several Yearly Meet-
ings in this continent with which we correspond,
your kind condition has been brought forcibly to
our view, and we have felt our hearts drawn in
towards you as brethren of the same bond of
faith, who desire the upholding of those
testimonies delivered to our forefathers in the truth
and for which they suffered much; and a desire
to manifest our hearts to salute you, and convey
a message of sympathetic feeling to you, in your

tried situation - knowing from just experience our-
selves what it is to suffer from the persecutions of false
retreats.

With grateful hearts, do we acknowledge
that - our Heavenly Father is still watching over us, and
drawing us together and to himself, by the drawing and
of His love. And under a solemn looking to the Father,
there are no goodly friends indeed but
Christ-Jesus, our glorified and risen Redeemer, by
whom we have access to the Father, are we to gain
the victory over the enemy of our souls' salvation.

There is no other strength under heaven, for
men, whereby we must be saved, but by and through
the name and power of Jesus. For other foundation
can no man lay than that is laid, of which Christ-Jesus
is the chief cornerstone.

At this our Yearly Meeting, we
have the very acceptable company, of several Friends
from other Yearly Meetings, and we are so used
by their presence with us, in this, our tried and sore
Condition, that we are not entirely forgotten by other
Yearly Meetings with which we are connected.

We are thus renewed, led to put our
implicit-trust in Him who is able to carry us safe
through these fiery trials, by which we are to be proved,
and encouraged to hold the beginning of our faith,
steadfast to the end, when, we shall say, if we fail
not.

It is very desirable that all Friends, that
are striving to live up to the Truth, in its simplicity,
or as proclaimed to the same Friends, should be
unanimous here; Brothers and sisters, for surely, there
is only one God and all we are brethren.

Oh may that harmonious that Heavenly name
may, as we were, that once founded the Society of
Friends, is our heartfelt prayer for you and for us;
would it not make the words of the Psalmist true
when he says? Behold how good, and how pleas-

and it is but wisdom to dwell together on unity.
It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard,
that went down to the skirts of his garments.

With tender sympathy for you in your tried sit-
uation, we commend you and ourselves to God, who
is able in His infinite wisdom to direct us, to move
us the right way, where to His true understand-
ing of finite man, there seems to be no way, and
that the spiritual message to the Church in
Philadelphia, be true in your case.

"I know thy works; behold, I have set before
thee an open door, and no man can shut it:
for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept
my word, and hast not denied my name."

With the salutation of Love we remain
Your Friends

Signed in Italy, and in direction of New England
Yearly Meetings of Men and Women Friends, held
at Andover, N.H. by adjournment from
the 16th of June to the 18th of the same inclusive 1889

John W. Foster. Clerk
Mary A. Gardner.

To Kansas Yearly Meetings of Friends

Dear Friends

It is, we believe, in a measure of
Love, and in the badge of true discipleship
that we feel drawn to address you again, at this
time, and to express something of the desire we set
that you may continue faithful in well doing.

The promise ~~is~~ to those that endure to the end, and
not to those who turn back for a season. So, dear
friends, let us endeavor to run with patience the race
that is set before us, looking unto Jesus for help and
strength so faithfully endure for his sake, all the
trials and temptations that may come upon us; for
he is able to save, even to the uttermost. Those who
put their trust in him "He shall faithful unto death
and I will give thee a crown of life." And while this
endeavoring to excite you to faithfulness, we are not un-
mindful of our own shortcomings and imperfections. You
in many, we believe that though unworthy we are not
forsaken, - that - Israel's God is yet mindful of us, and that
his presence has been felt amongst us at this time, for
which and every other blessing we are your true friends,
and we desire to be truly grateful.

Your acceptable epistle
of 10th month last, and those from other yearly meetings
with which we correspond, are received and read, and
we can say we feel thankful for the Christian love shown,
and the interest manifested in them, for our advance-
ment and growth in the unchangeable Truth; and
we are sure if that true word of brotherly love, thus re-
ceived, may not be lost, nor be as seed sown upon
barren ground.

Our Society has ever prospered in propor-
tion as friends have faithfully upheld the standard of
our testimony. Then how necessary it is, that we should
not suffer the standard to fall or be shaken through
lukewarmness, or desire of ease in ourselves, but that all
of us, in our various places of society, and in the world,
should show our faith in our profession, by a steadfast
maintenance of our principles, acknowledging Christ
before men, that he may acknowledge us in the great
day of accounts; united to become as faithful witnesses
for His sake, knowing that the cross must be borne,

if you would inherit the crown. He that would be
Christ's disciple, must take up his daily cross and
follow Him.

Two of your members have been very
acceptably with-us at this time; and their company
and counsel have been pleasant, and encouraging
to us. In the love of the Gospel, we bid
you farewell, and maintain your friends.

Seance on behalf and by sanction of New England
Yearly Meetings of Friends held at Bristol, Rhode
Island, by appointment is given the 16th, the 6th moth
to the 18th of the same, inclusive 1889.

John W. Foster.
Mary A. Gardner. Clerks

To New Yearly Meetings of Friends

Dear Friends

During the several sittings of our
Yearly Meeting, with grate, we thank you all the
blessings extended to us, by the hand of Omnipotence,
sensible were we made to feel (although few, as to
numbers and somewhat cast down by noting the
absence of some of the aged ones, who have been
valiant-fighters in the Lord's army) that the
eventual arms of the Lord are wider than to
support us, and make a solemn covering of the
Holy Spirit that pervaded our meeting, there we
led to rejoice in believing that the promises of Jesus
Christ to us are yet and remain forever, and that
the blessings are now extended to the two or three
that are gathered together in His name, and He is one
to whom we can always flee for comfort, and conso-

lation in every trial; for He is strength in weakness,
riches in poverty, and a present helper in every need-
ed time.

Though our numbers this year, were
less than in former years; yet on hearing your
interesting and instructive Epistle, read in that meet-
ing, with those good other Yearly Meetings (with which
we correspond) we were unable to rejoice that the dear
young people in that part of the land, are earnestly
seeking after the bread and water of life; and we
feel to extend to those dear lambs of the flock, where-
ever situated, the consolation, "And the Spirit and
the bride say come, and let him that heareth say
come, and let him that is athirst come, and who-
soever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

Oh! say such as these will be willing, like Christ to
choose rather to suffer affliction with the children of
Israel than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season
in the outside world; and may they always be willing
ready and willing to go up into the mountain of the
Lord and get that heavenly wisdom whereby they will
be strengthened to pass through all the fiery trials by which
all the children of God are to be tried. When at home
we are led to look over the Lord's heritage we are
ready to exclaim, "The harvest truly is great, but the
labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord to send
forth labourers into his harvest."

We would earnestly encourage all,
calling themselves Friends to hold the beginning of
their faith steadfast, for in the end ye shall reap
if ye faint not; and if a truth will be with you
I have fought a good fight - I have finished my
course I have kept the faith. Therefore the crown
I bid up for you a crown of life, for as much as
the Lord the righteous judge, shall give one at that time,
and not to me only, but unto all those, also the

your appearance. What have we more among
you, or as we called to lose the language. The
"book is put - the summer is ended, and we are
not saved" but - that all, & every day and
seasons we have a whole time
and opportunity left to strive to put off the
old man with his deeds, and be faithful
to the leadings of the Holy Spirit - make manifest
in the flesh, that which we wish those that
read this, and in the end they will receive
a home to live that is promised to all that
are faithful unto death.

Dear friends in the
love of the Gospel we bid you farewell.

I am so much and by direction of New
England Yearly Meeting & Friends, held at
Natick, Rhode Island, by adjournment - from
the 11th to the 16th month of the same
month. 1887.

John W. Foster.
Chas. A. Gardner. Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends, Friends, you
New England, held at Natick, Rhode Island, com-
mencing with public meetings for worship on first
day the 11th of 6th month 1888, and on second day
the 16th for disputation.

We have been advised from Rhode Island and
Lawrence Quaker meetings by which it appears that
the following names were appointed to at-
tend the Yearly Meeting from Rhode
Island Eliza G. Thayer, Anna J. Foster, Ruth A.

that we may profit by the excellent service rendered
therein.

The representatives are requested to confer to-
gether at the close of this sitting and agree upon the
names of some friends to serve the Society as Clerks

No further business claiming our attention at this sit-
ting, we adjourn to the time this afternoon, that
our friends may propose.

Afternoon - near the 4th hour Friends again
assembled.

Anna A. Foster on behalf
of the representatives informed the meeting that-
they were united in proposing the name of Mary A.
Hammer for Clerk, and Anna H. Chase for Assistant-Clerk
which being separately considered they were united with
and they are accordingly appointed to those services
for the ensuing year.

Sarah F. Wilbur, now being
present- answered to her name.

The Ladies have
very soon at this time with-answers to each from
Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings.
As a summary prepared therefrom which being
approved by this Meeting is to be placed on record.

No further business coming before us at this sitting
we adjourn to the time tomorrow that our friends
may propose.

Third day the 17th of the month-
near the third hour in the afternoon friends again met.

The names of the representatives being called they are
all present except two for whom excuse satisfactory
reasons have been given.

We have been furnished with the records of the Meetings for Sufferings, which have been read, and are satisfactory to us.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to prepare Epistles to the Yearly Meetings which we are in correspondence with, have prepared one addressed to all the Yearly Meetings of American Friends, viz. North America, Nova and France, which have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them on behalf of the meeting.

Our Friends inform that they propose the appointment of William F. Wood, George Foster, Isaac S. Miller, Jesse Tucker, Thomas Green, John W. Foster, Jonathan Chase, J. Barclay Foster, Jos. S. Kelley, Lewis C. Foster, and James H. Tucker to constitute a committee for Sufferings for the ensuing year, with which that meeting united; it is also united in proposing the appointment of Anna A. Foster, Elizabeth H. Chase, Anna H. Chase and Mary A. Gardner, to the same service, leaving the unity of our friends.

A concern having been brought before us to take some steps towards concerted action for the destruction of Books and Tracts tending to the spreading of our principles and doctrines, and on moral subjects, it has been proposed to appoint a committee to act in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the same body, which being approved by this meeting, Anna A. Foster, Mary H. Chandler, Ruth Wood, John H. Wood, Martha S. Miller, Elizabeth H. Foster, Anna H. Chase, Sarah F. Miller, and Elizabeth H. Gardner are appointed to visit success.

Our friends having appointed Isaac S. Miller, George C. Foster, John Barclay Foster, Jos. S. Kelley, James H. Tucker, Lewis C. Foster, Frederick C. Buffum and Arthur May to the same service.

A concern having been felt for the encouragement of all in New England who are desirous

To ascertain the principles and doctrines of George Fox
William Lewis Robert Stanley Isaac Cummings and others
a general Epistle addressed to some having been prepared
but has not yet been sent forth, and is referred to the G. M.
for stoppings for revision and publication.

With feelings of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that
he hath been pleased to manifest his presence with us
and hath enabled us to transact the business which has
come before us in harmony and love, we solemnly
conclude, purposing to meet again in sixth month next
at this place, if consistent with Divine Will.

May 11 Gardner Clerk

Summary of answers to the queries

Ans 1st - All our meetings for religious worship and
scripture have been held except two - all meetings
for worship which are not kept up; and one meeting
for worship when no women were present - on account of
a severe storm. The meetings on first-days, are generally
attended by a host of our members whose ability to do so
shows a real and true improvement in the attendance
of the week day meetings but they are still entirely ne-
glected by some of the members. The hour is nearly
observed. Most friends are preserved from sleep.
No other unbecoming behavior noticed.

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained
and some care felt to guard against detraction.
No dissensions have come to our knowledge.

3rd Some care is exercised in regard to plainness
of speech, behaviour and apparel, and to discourage
perpetual railing and corrupt conversation, but

Q. 100 are in these respects, and a better example on the part of some parents would be desirable. We believe that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans 4th We believe that Friends are careful as to the use of spirituous liquors; no frequenting of taverns or places of public resort. Dissipation and dissipation are generally observed on such occasions.

Ans 5th None seeking assistance. No children taken from amongst Friends.

Ans 6th Friends are careful with the young and women - and that - all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline and our usage among Friends.

Ans 7th Most Friends maintain their testimony in the several parts of this query. The great object of attending meetings of other denominations.

Ans 8th We believe Friends are careful to inspect their accounts, punctual to their payments, and to the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Careful as to records. No removals without certificate.

Ans 10th Friends feel concerned to deal with offenders as guided by the Spirit and also to place them in the authority of Truth according to our discipline.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends

Through the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father we have been again permitted to assemble in this lovely Meeting for the purpose of transacting the affairs of the Church. And we salute you in the love of the Gospel, who are of the same faith with us. May we with you be found walking as becomes the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our Saviour when He was personally engaged with His immediate followers, (and it still remains the same) "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid, neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house". Then how great the necessity of pressing after holiness, that we may each of us hold up this light to the world, to watch and be sober, yea watching unto prayer, using all diligence to make our calling, and our election sure, before we go hence to be seen of men no more.

We have received your recent Epistle of 9th month last and were rejoiced by it. The renewed interest of the young people in the best welfare of the church must be encouraging to you. May they be ever present in the inner circle for the good work. Your Epistle also spoke of your concern for the education of the precious children, to give them a guarded and religious education in order to them that "come here and be saved". To lead them to be straightforward and straightforward with all honesty of purpose will help to prepare them to become like the King's daughters, all glorious within.

We feel it to be right for those who are bound together in the sacred bonds of Heavenly Truths, to confer with one another and be with them that is the Lord.

The Epistle of 6. 17. directs, "Let us lay the golden rod from one to another, and the Lord

hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His name. Then they shall be mine saith the Lord of Hosts in that day when I make up my jewels, and I will spare them as a man spares his son that serveth him.

So there is great cause to trust in Him our Heavenly Father; and there are many precious promises in the Scriptures of Truth for our comfort and encouragement. Our Saviour says "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for my yoke is easy and my burden light." Oh this precious yoke of Christ, how it brings into subjection the lofty spirit of man! For this must be laid low and brought down to the level of the lowly Jesus.

And may we never forget to imitate this meek and lowly Jesus in his lowly walk amongst men. The Society of Friends have been a great light in the world. These principles, we fully believe have in some measure been sifted through the nations; and if Friends would be more faithful as a people their principles would still be further blessed into the dominion of this world, until they more and more became the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. The Prophet said of the Lord's people of old "that they should pour water out of their buckets, and it should be cast in many rivers."

Oh may we not turn away backward from these principles as many are now doing, for the maintenance of which we shall be accountable. Our Saviour said "will ye also go away?" This would grieve this Holy Spirit and He would turn his face from us, and reject us, and call in from the heathen and the dogs others to take the place of those who would not abide. I am assured for we will have a people who will serve Him whether we will or no.

And dear sisters, let us not be discouraged at the signs of the times, for the Lord knoweth what he doeth and it cannot save. nor is his ear grown heavy that it cannot

But rather, let us come with pleasure (doing all we
can to do) to see that is set before us, looking into Jesus
the crucified, and grasping of the true faith, for our
sufferings here are but for a moment - which worketh for
us, a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

In the love of the Gospel we bid you farewell

Witness our hearty and by direction of the English Yearly
Meeting of Women Friends held at Westbury House
Blanchard by arrangements the 16th and 17th of Sept. 1896

Mary A. Gardner Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends,

Your very acceptable Epistle of 10th mo last
has been read in this meeting, and the feeling and sympathy
therein expressed is very comforting to us, causing us
to feel very gratified that we are all encouraged by the
great love of the Church, in that it has touched your heart
thus to feel for us; and it has encouraged us to endeavor to
hold on our way, amidst a sense of much weakness.

We feel to assure you in that love which knows no
bounds, even the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, who
died for us, and whom we are assured, arose again, and
everliveth to make intercession for us; and who is the
only way to salvation through repentance, and the
forgiveness of our sins.

We are a poor little company, many
of those who have been faithful laborers in the Lord's
cause, both by precept and example. There have
sometimes been words to us, as by age and infirmity
we are hindered from coming with us; and
there seems but few among us who are concerned.

take their places in upholding the principles and testimonies
which are before them in the name of God, and to maintain
to maintain. We have felt an earnest desire that there
might be an increase of those who are willing to yield to
the visitations of Divine Grace, and that many would come
to a conversion to follow in humbly the leadings of the Spirit
of God, and thus be redeemed from the love of the world
which is at enmity with God, and which, where it prevails
will keep the soul in bondage to sin. If we ever ad-
vance to a growth in Grace and in the saving knowledge of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we must be willing to
take up the cross to the good and evil of the world,
and to esteem the reproaches of Christ greater riches than the
treasures of Egypt, and to count all things but loss that we
may win Him. We may rest assured that a blessing
awaits all, who in sincerity are striving to be faithful to Him.
has been promised: upon they who are willing to take up the
cross and follow Him, the end will crown the work. Can the Lord's Spirit here
is another matter. He is knocking at the door of our hearts,
and willing to be gracious to all, who are willing to abide
in Him, with patience, humility, and meekness. And un-
less we do abide in Him we cannot bear fruit, for He says
I am the vine, ye are the branches, he that abideth in me
and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, ye
without me can do nothing. Dear Sister, it is with us
to refer you to what our blessed Lord said to His disciples, as
applied to you. For our little flock, it is our duty to
become to you your spiritual parents. Now our Lord Jesus Christ
fortify your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.
In love we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf and by direction of this English Branch
Meeting of Women's Friends held at Westley, Rhode Island
by adjournment the 10th and 11th of September 1870

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sister

We trust - that - it is in a measure of that love "shed abroad in our hearts" by the Holy Spirit - which is your reason that we are drawn to address you again believing that when there is a true unity of spirit, the exchanging of kindly feelings, and earnest desires for the welfare and purification of each other does tend to encourage and strengthen us when we feel how poor and weak we are.

We are repeatedly made aware that we can do nothing of ourselves that will avail anything in the advancement of Christ-Kingdom, it is only in the name and strength of the Lord that we can truly go forward, and by His power alone can we prevail. Without Him we can do nothing, and except the Lord build the house the labourers labour in vain; unless the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh in vain."

Let us strive to be continually on the watchtower, seeking diligently to know the Lord's will and sincerely desiring to be found willing to submit unto His guidance, and that in all things we may move at His bidding, and His will, yielding ourselves a sacrifice even in that may seem to us as very small things. Then shall we come to know the Lord and His arm and shield which is Love and protection, and we shall realise the fulfillment of the promise that when He putteth forth His sheep He will have them, and also His word shall not return unto Him void. But it shall accomplish that which He pleases, and shall prosper in the thing whereto He sends it." The faithfulness of one, may with Divine favor and in the Lord's own time prove a blessing to many. Cast not away therefore your confidence in His faithful remembrance & reward. We have need of patience that after having done the will of God we

Many receive the promise. The harvest truly is great -
and the labourers are few. One may be faithful labourer
in the Lord's vineyard by submitting to an earnest-travail
and exercise of Spirit - for the maintenance of all our precious
principles and testimonies, and by a consistent-walk before
God each other and before the world, and ashamed to be
known as followers of a weak and unregenerate Saviour, by
the denial of self and taking up the daily cross.

The only safe way in which we can walk is in entire
resignation to the will of the Lord, and all that we shall
be required to give up, both in the end seem very little com-
pared to the reward which will be ours. Hard things will be
made easy and bitter things sweet, and we shall be favoured
with that peace which passeth all understanding, which the
world cannot give nor take away.

May all those to whom
God has entrusted the care of the living labours of the Church
be deeply concerned to seek for Divine assistance to be enabled
to lead and to guide their people. The future well-being
and prosperity of our Church and Kingdom in a great measure de-
pend upon the rising generation who will be long to wait
upon to fill the place of the few who are now passing away.
Your ^{very} interesting Epistle of 9th moth last
was received and has been read with much interest and
encouragement - also those from the other Society we
are in touch with which we correspond.

We feel an interest in your concern for the
guarded and religious education of your dear children,
and earnestly desire that a blessing may attend the steps
that may be taken to provide the establishment of a
School for that purpose.

Our minds are brought-into ten-
der sympathy for the dear youth, both with you, and
with us; with fervent desires for their establishment in
the Divine Truth, and more ready assistance to its dis-
semination, submitting to the cross of Christ, which they

may experience a growth in grace and in that saving
knowledge which accompanies salvation; and thus be
prepared to fill their respective allotments - to the praise
of the Head of the Church and to the peace of their own
minds. And may the mercies and assistance, which have
been from time to time extended to them, be as bread
cast upon the waters which may be found after many
days. Oh that all who bear our name
may be livingly concerned, to endeavor to manifest
that plainness & simplicity which will impart
the true Christian character, looking above and be-
yond the adornments of the body, and a conform-
ity to the world, and seek the ornament of a meek
and quiet spirit which is the right fruit of a quiet
mind and when the chief Shepherd shall appear
we shall receive a crown of glory that fades not
away.

With Love Farewell

Friend on I. Self and by direction to New England
Monthly Association of Ministers. Friends held at Haverhill
Mass. by adjournment the 16th and 17th of September 1850

Mary A. Gardner Clerk.

To Friends Monthly Meeting of Haverhill Friends

Dear Sisters

It hath pleased our Heavenly Father
to permit our little company to assemble together once
more as a local meeting. The reading of your accept-
able Epistle with those from the other Society Meetings
has been to our edification and encouragement, and
our hearts are turned towards you with love and sym-
pathy. Being sensible that you as well as we have not
been without many trials and discouragements, and

feelings of much poverty and weakness. We earnestly
desire your preservation in the right path, and a growth
and prosperity in the Truth, and that we may all be more
and more engaged to a deep concern and passion of spirit
for the welfare of Zion and the enlargement of her borders.
We hope that none may yield to the
temptation to feel that because of the shortcomings and un-
faithfulness amongst us it is of no use to strive any longer
to maintain our precious principles before the world. For that
is one of the devices of the enemy of our souls salvation to
draw us away from that Corner which alone can sustain us
and give us strength to withstand everything which may arise
to impede our progress in our Heavenly journey. Help
is laid on one who is mighty to save and able to deliver
to the uttermost, and if we put our implicit trust in Him
in faith and obedience to His Holy will, abiding in patience,
meekness and humility He will in His own good time arise
for our deliverance. "He will be guide in judgment
the meek will He teach of His way." Trials and afflictions
should draw us nearer to our Saviour, tendering our hearts
and causing the spirit of love to arise and flow towards
each other binding us together in the bonds of Christian
fellowship, and be of the "all things that work together
for good to them that love God." Let us therefore endure
hardness as good soldiers remembering that He hath prom-
ised "My Grace is sufficient for thee." To give up to
discouragement will in no way tend to the advancement
of the cause of Truth. "The Lord's arm is not shortened that
it cannot save nor his ear grown heavy that it cannot hear
but for the sighings and cryings of those who put their
trust in Him. He will yet arise and show forth his power."
We feel an earnest desire that the dear young people
may embrace the Truth, live under its influence, and
reap the rich reward. Individual faithfulness is what
is required of each and every one, and the unfaithfulness
of one will never be accepted as a sufficient excuse

for unfaithfulness in another. If we seek diligently to know the Lord's will concerning us, with a willingness to accept of the manifestations of duty made known to us in the secret of our hearts; then shall we receive more light, and added strength to perform all that may be required of us and to resist the temptations that are permitted to assail us, for snare and hindering things will come and a constant watchfulness, and a continual warfare must be maintained one or the other part that they overcome us not. There is a spirit that overcomes the world and there is a spirit that is overcome by the world. Let us seek earnestly for that Spirit which overcomes the world, for it is written, He that loveth the world the love of the Father is not in him.

Oh that those who are blessed with families of dear little ones about them may seriously reflect upon the deep responsibility resting upon them, and earnestly and ever faithfully endeavor to discharge their whole duty that they may feel clear.

May we all diligently strive to guard against the desire, which is so prevalent up and down all the land, and even within the bosom of our beloved Society, to seek for a way that will be easier to the flesh than the way of the cross, the straight and narrow way, which is the one, and only way that lead to life eternal.

In the love of the Gospel we bid you
Farewell

Signed on behalf and by direction of
New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held
at Portland, N. S. by adjournments the 16th and 17th of 1st mo
1846

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Woman Friends

Dear Sisters

Your very acceptable Epistle of sixth month
has been received and has been read in our city - and the
love and sympathy therein expressed was very encouraging
to us, and our hearts are bound in reciprocal thankful-
ness for the bond of Christian fellowship that has thus
been established between us, believing that under the di-
vine blessing it will tend to the comfort and encourage-
ment of all those among us, who are lovingly concerned
for the prosperity of the ever blessed and all-potent
Truth. Our trials and afflictions have indeed been
many; we realize our poor and shrunken condition and
at times our hands are ready to hang down, and our
knees to smite together with weakness. But we have
remembered that the Captain of our salvation was
made perfect through suffering, and the discipline is not
given but chosen. Like the schoolmaster about the Lord, if
we would reign with Christ, we must first be willing
to suffer with Him. It is when we feel our weakness
and that we have no might of our own, that we are led
to turn our eyes to God the true source of strength and strength
"He giveth power to the faint - and to them that lack
might He giveth strength." As we become sen-
sitive of our dependence upon Him, we are more willing
to patiently wait for the working of the Divine power in our
souls, showing us the way in which we should walk, and
if we abide steadfast under the refining hand of the Lord,
and patiently bear all the deep pressings, that may be
required to strengthen our faith, we shall be made "more
than conquerors through Him that loved us," and shall
rejoice that we are permitted to suffer for His name.
The greater the conflict - which are permitted for
the trial of our people, and through which we have
to pass, whether of the flesh or of the spirit - in the

are borne with-patience, the greater will be our enlargement of heart; and the more will be our abiding in the boundings of God's love towards us. Our faithfulness will be rewarded, and support and safe keeping be granted in the hour of tribulation and temptation.

Many are the temptations and allurements that our unguarded adversary places in our path on every hand to lead us astray. May we by close watchfulness walk as near to our Heavenly leader, that when we turn to the right hand or to the left, we may be able to hear his voice behind us saying "This is the way, walk ye in it."

We rejoice to hear that there is an increasing interest manifested among you and your young people in spiritual things, and that there are those who give evidence that they are under the preparing hand for usefulness in the Church. Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. The promise is not to them that run well for a season, and then turn back, but to those that endure to the end. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

We have received very acceptable Epistles from all the Society Meetings with which we are in correspondence.

With-earnest-desires that the tender feelings of love and sympathy, under which we have been mutually bound, shall remain unchanged, and the unity be unbroken, we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf and by direction of New England Society
Meeting of Women Friends held at Westbury, N. H. by the
convention the 16th and 17th of 6th moth 1870

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

11-our Yearly Meeting: Women Friends for
New England Field at Westerly Rhode Island.

Commencing with public meetings for visiting
on first day the nineteenth of sixth month 1891
and on second ^{day} morning the twentieth or discipline

Accounts have been received at this time from Rhode
Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, by which
it appears that the following named Friends were
appointed to attend this Meeting as representatives.
From Rhode Island: Ruth H. Crandall, Mary J. Foster,
Susan Perry, Eliza Brown, Mary J. Foster,
and Sarah H. Giddens. From Sandwich, Lydia
J. Garrison, Susan W. Gidley and Sarah H. Giddens.
Those named being called they are as usual except
Lydia J. Garrison and Susan W. Gidley.

We have in attendance at ~~this~~ time our beloved Friend
Harriet H. South from Chicago with a letter to Women's
Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends, Chic. held 4th and 5th
1891, and endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting held
5th and 9th 1891, expressing their unity and concurrence
with her concern to attend, in the love of the Lord,
the Yearly Meetings of New England and Canada,
also some other service as Health may open the way
She being a Minister in unity with them. Her
company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable
to us, being instructive, comforting and encouraging to
us, and the desire is felt that we may be stirred up to
more participation and greater diligence therein. Our hearts
are filled with gratitude to our dear Friend for this
evidence that we are yet the people of the love and the
merited blessing that He hath sent his servant to
proclaim his message in this land.

We appointed Ruth A. Crandall, Sarah H. Miller, Martha W. Sheffield, and Mary J. Foster, to prepare a summary from the answers to the queries and present it at our next sitting.

We have received very acceptable Epistles from Ohio, Western, Iowa, Kansas and Canada. Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, which have been read in this meeting and the love and sympathy which our dear sisters have expressed for us, has been very comforting and encouraging to us, strengthening us to hold fast our way, and our desires are that we may have the instruction they have been led to impart to us and may all these favors tend to stir us up to more watchfulness and faithfulness in our daily lives.

Anna A. Foster, Ann Perry, Mary J. Gardner, Anna H. Chase, Mary F. South and Elizabeth F. Foster, are appointed to prepare essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence, and present them at a future sitting.

The representatives are desired to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree upon the names of some friends to serve this meeting as Clerks.

No further business coming before us at this sitting we adjourn to the same place this afternoon, when friends may propose.

Afternoon. Near the 4th hour friends again met. Ruth A. Crandall, on behalf of the representatives reported the meeting that they were united in

proposing the names of Priscilla Gardner for Clerk and that of Mary J. Foster for assistant Clerk. which being separately considered are united with by the meeting and they are accordingly appointed to those offices for the ensuing year.

The Letters have been read at this sitting, succeeded by answers to each from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, also a summary prepared thereon which being approved by the meeting are as follows.

Ans 1st - All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held except one Monthly Meeting on account of sickness; and three small meetings for worship which are not kept up. The meetings on first days are generally attended by most members when of ability to do so. The midweek meetings not so well attended. The hour nearly observed. Mostly preserved from sleep. No other unbecoming behavior when assembled.

Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained and some care felt to guard against division. No differences apparent.

Ans 3rd Some care is exercised in regard to plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel, and to discourage profane scolding and corrupt conversation. But we feel that more care in regard to these requirements and a better example on the part of some members would tend to strengthen and promote the spiritual growth of the Church.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans 4th We believe that the several requisitions contained in this query are attended to.

Ans 5th We know not - but - clear.

Ans 6th We believe that - parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried feel a concern that all proceedings with-respect-to marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans 7th We believe that most Friends are concerned to maintain their testimony in the several parts of this query.

Ans 8th We know not - but - Friends are careful to maintain our testimonies in the several parts of this query.

Ans 9th Careful as to records. - One friend come to write amongst us without a colleague.

Ans 10th We believe Friends feel a concern to deal with offenders and to place judgment in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

We have been furnished with the Records of the Meeting for sufferings which have been read, and are satisfactory to this meeting. Men friends express the disappointment of the same friends to constitute a Meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year with which this meeting unites, and is also united in the disappointment of the same women friends to that service.

We have received information from the Men's Meeting that Samuel Quarters' Meeting will be held on the 16th inst. in the afternoon of the 1st and would appreciate the Ministry of J. S. Gidley and James H. Tucker.

No further business claiming our attention at this sitting we adjourn to such time tomorrow as our friends propose.

Third day afternoon the 16th of the month, near the third hour Friends again met.

The names of the representatives being called, all are present - who were at the first-sitting.

We have in attendance at this Yearly Meeting our dear friend Barclay Shallen with a suitable group from New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd & 3rd mo 1831, liberating him to accompany his wife Hannah H. Stratton, in her proposed visit to New England and Canada Yearly Meetings, and other service as specified in her minute, he being an Elder in unity with them. His company and solid deportment has been very acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign in conjunction with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting the minute which they furnish him.

A returning minute has been prepared for our beloved friend Hannah H. Stratton, which has been read, and approved by this meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on its behalf.

The women Friends named at a previous sitting to prepare Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings

with which we are in correspondence have produced
such addressed to each of the Yearly Meetings of
Newer Friends viz. Ohio, Western, Iowa, Kansas
and Canada which have been read and approved
and the clerk is directed to sign and forward the
same on behalf of the meeting.

We have in
attendance at this Yearly Meeting our dear friend
Esther A Haines from Philadelphia whose company
has been very acceptable to us.

The committee
appointed at our last Yearly Meeting for the
purpose of having the care of the distribution of
Friends' Books and Tracts, make the following
report--

Westerly N.J. 6.16.1891.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting
The committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting
for the purpose of having the care of the distribution
of Friends' Books and Tracts within our borders, and
to send them to other places as opportunity offers
make the following report.

We have obtained from Jacob Smedley of
Philadelphia 8500 Tracts at an expense of
\$7.20. and we have distributed a goodly number
of the same within the limits of our Yearly Meet-
ing and elsewhere; they have been kindly received
and we trust that good will result therefrom.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the committee
Arthur Perry Clerk.

Which is satisfactory to this meeting and we are
united in the reappointment of the same friend
to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year.

More friends having joined the same course.

Although we have been deeply humbled under a sense of our weakness and unworthiness we have to acknowledge with gratitude, the goodness of our Heavenly Father in that He has not been unmindful of us, but hath been pleased in the riches of His love to manifest His loving presence among us, breaking the vessel of life to the refreshing of our souls, and enabling us to dispose of the various concerns which have come before us, in Harmony and Love.

Under a precious covering of our Saviour's love we solemnly conclude, our desire to meet again at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for 1871.

Dear Friends:-

We have been smitten through favor again to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, a little company, and we at times feel our own nothingness, and that we are the hindmost of the flock, and we earnestly desire that the Lord will not overlook us, our dear near, yet distant promise that for the crying of the poor and the crying of the needy He will arise!

We are favored with your acceptable Epistle of 9th inst. and it has been read in this meeting to our great satisfaction, and as your hearts were drawn towards us in sisterly sympathy we need not be an witness of the Lord's Fatherly care still attending you. He knoweth them that are His, and often visiteth them joyful in tribulation, and we feel with you that there never was a time when there was more

need of true faithfulness and lowliness of heart,
and for us to be divested of everything that would
tend to mar the beauty of our Holy Profession.
May our lives be guided and our hearts burning so
that our heavenly Father may be glorified, and when
the great Shepherd shall appear we may receive
the crown of glory that fadeth not away. There is
one way to the kingdom of life and peace; in
every age of the world the Lord has had a people
a spiritual people to serve Him, and we believe it is his
will to still have a church upon earth, which shall unite
in a measure of that enjoyment, that is witnessed by
the Church triumphant. He had under every dispensa-
tion of himself a church, He always led and guided
his Church by his Spirit, and He gave them power to
worship and serve Him and to bring forth the fruits of
sanctification and holiness which are acceptable to Him.
Those who took the Lord to be their portion have
suffered persecution nearly down to the present-day.
And many have followed in the footsteps of their crit-
ical Lord and Master, and laid down their lives
because they could not deny his ever blessed name.

But the Church is not called to this at the present
time, if so who would stand this test of true disci-
pleship of the Lord Jesus. But she is called to great
dedication and greater faithfulness, more fully to
follow Him in the regeneration, to come away from her
bad passions and from the pollutions and deadening
influences of this lower world, to the help of
Him who hath called her with a high and holy
calling. To our knowledge in a peculiar manner
has been given precious Principles to hold up to the
world, and our responsibility is great to hand these
down to future generations unimpaired, for we
believe the work is before us for the promulgation
of them.

We have in attendance some dear friends from your
Neighbly Meeting, whom we believe the Lord has
raised up for blessing and comfort amongst us, and their
company and gospel labors are very encouraging and
strengthening to us. We feel that we have held a
good Yearly Meeting. The Lord has been with us,
and given us, Beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,
and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness,
for which we praise Him.

Now unto Him who
hath redeemed us with his most precious blood,
be Honor, and glory, and high renown.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting,
Mary A. Gardner Clark.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for 1891

Dear Friends:

We have, through favor been permitted
again to assemble, and with much harmony to trans-
act the affairs of the Church, desiring that we may be
obedient children of our heavenly Father speaking the
same language, drawn together by the same bond of
union, and baptized by the same pure Spirit, having
brought our forefathers away from the world.

There is great need of faithful standard bearers
in the Church militant, who will fearlessly fol-
low in the footsteps of their crucified Lord, thereby
becoming his obedient children indeed. Bearing witness.

Our Father said, "Not every one that saith unto me
Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven,
but he that doeth the will of my Father which is
in Heaven." We may be called away from the broad ways of the world, from

at pains and pleasure, into the narrow path of
holiness and self-denial, pressing towards the mark
for the prize of our high calling, hungering and thirst-
ing, more and more after righteousness.

The religion of Jesus Christ-our Saviour is guided
into gardens the temple of the heart-comparable to
the Saviour's scourge of small vessels, with which the
area out of the temple the buyers and the sellers
the Merchantize in his Father's house. It also
gives wisdom to the understanding, and it makes
wise the simple, bestows all comforts in this life,
and the joys of God's salvation in the world to come.
But if we will be brought into his likeness we
must receive that crown of life, which is promised
to those who endure to the end.

We have received your acceptable epistle of
the month last and your sympathy and consus-
eration was appreciated, and it was precious to
us. We feel that you have cause to praise
God and take courage, for your many blessings from his
bountiful hand. The renewed interest that the dear
young people take must be comforting to all, especially
to holy friends, for it is their delight to see their children
walking in the truth.

We feel anxious for ourselves, and our
precious brethren, that nothing may stand in the way of our
entrance into his blessed Kingdom, when the Hall of
Souls shall appear.

Our dear friends meeting, we believe
that we are favored one. There are an abundance
of dear friends from Ohio yearly meeting, whom we believe
the Lord has raised up and qualified for his service, and
their presence will be a great blessing and
strengthening to us. We bid you an affectionate
farewell on behalf of the yearly meeting.
Mary A. Gardner, Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for 1891

Dear Friends

Through the continued and unmerited
mercy of our Heavenly Father, our little company has
again been permitted to assemble together, earnestly craving
that we may be preserved from a lapse down upon our
own abilities in the transaction of the business which may
come before us, but be livingly concerned that all be done
in the immediate guidance, and in the power and
authority of the Great Head of the Church, and a pre-
cious unity of spirit - prevail by which we may experience
a strength to strengthen those building one another up in
that holy faith which works by love to the purifying
of our hearts.

Your acceptable and instructive epistle
has been read in our meeting, with thanks from the Yearly
Meetings we are in correspondence with, which were con-
forting and encouraging to us. Bearing evidence, that although
widely separated by distance, we are yet bound together by
cords of love and unity which neither time nor distance
can efface. And it is in a degree of that love that we
feel to address you at this time as members of the same
household of faith, who are striving to mind the same
things and to seek the same true and living way which
leads to life eternal. Believing with you that it is
necessary for us to know a restraining, as well as a
constructive power to rule and reign in our hearts, our
concern is that creaturely affections may be wholly sub-
dued and a will, not wrought in us, to heed the com-
mand. "Be still and know that I am God," for in that
stillness we shall gather strength to go forth at his bidding,
and light to direct us in the way in which He would have
us to walk.

We have been favored at this time
with the company of some dear Friends from other Yearly
Meetings, whose solid deportment and labors in the love

The Gospel hath been very instructive, also comforting
and encouraging to us. We have been tenderly in-
treated to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteous-
ness, and all things that we need shall be added. The
dear youth have been especially remembered with
earnest desires that their hearts may be dedicated
to the Lord in the morning of their lives, and to
count nothing too dear or ^{too} dear to give up that they
may win Christ. Petitions have been put up
that we might by grace abound and faithfulness
deepen in the rock, and thus be favored to bear fruit
upward to the Father and praise of the Shepherd and
Bishop of souls. While there is much to discourage
us on account of the smallness of our number and
particularly of those who feel concerned to maintain
our precious principles and testimonies before the world
and are willing to walk upon the Lord in deepest
humility, patiently abiding at His feet - willing to
be instructed, and to submit to all the trainings
of His Holy Hand, and the deep baptisms that are
necessary to fit and prepare us as instruments for
His work and service; yet we have remembered
that it is not by might nor by power but by my
Spirit saith the Lord, and it is written, that He
is able from these stones to raise up children unto
Abraham, and of those for whom the Kingdom
was designed here through unbelief or from
a fear of the cross, I blessed the visitations of the
Holy Spirit in the secret of their hearts, and re-
gretted to hear the murmurings of those who have from
time to time been commissioned by the Master
of the Vineyard to labor among us, that it is yet in
His power to gather as soon the highways and
hedges, stones to fill their places.

ing we have time enough, but seek diligently to awake
not calling and election sure, attending to the things that
long to our place before they are hid from our eyes,
that we may obtain that precious treasure - an inheritance
incorruptible undefiled and that fadeeth not away.

May those in the younger walks of life submit to the
refining and purifying of the Shepherd of Israel, and thus
be prepared and qualified to receive the mantle of those
saintful standard bearers who one after another are be-
ing called from works to rewards. Dear friends.

It is a day in which we as a Society, and each one of us
as individuals need to dwell very low, sitting in sack-
cloth and true humility at the Master's feet - and
patiently wait until He shall bid us arise and go, work
in His power. Do we consider what dependent crea-
tures we are? For on Him we live and move, and have
our being, that it is His care and mercy that supports
us every hour of our lives, if this should be withdrawn
and be left to ourselves, and to the devouring elements,
solitude and death would reign. But we may rest
in the protection of this Almighty Being whose presence
fills the universe, and whose care extends to the remotest
provinces of creation. So, let it be our meat and drink
to know His will and do it, and flee to Him for refuge
in the day of trouble, and be patient under all our
tribulations for the time that is short and we shall
soon be called hence to be near of our precious.

The language of Him who was touched with a feeling
of our infirmities is yet applicable to all his little
ones. Hear not little flock, it is your Father's good
pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

May the Lord
watch over, direct and keep us all.

Yours well

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting

Mary A Gardner, Clerk.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1877
Dear Friends.

It is with a deep sense of our weakness and shortcomings, that we are again assembled together as a Yearly Meeting, feeling that of ourselves we are unable to do anything that will redound to the glory of God, or tend to the promotion of the cause of Truth and righteousness in the earth. But He who in His boundless love and mercy hath thus far preserved us hath been pleased to own the little remnant thus gathered, and to manifest His living presence among us, encouraging and strengthening our drooping souls, by which we have been brought again to feel that the everlasting arms are underneath to support and sustain us, and that He will never leave nor forsake any who put their trust in Him. The reading of your acceptable Epistle, together with those from the other Yearly Meetings, brought a precious feeling of unity and sympathy, and our hearts have gone out to you in a degree of that love which spreads over sea and land. Separated as we are, by distance, from each other, and thus prevented from mingling together, it is indeed a great privilege that those who are of like faith and practice, and are endeavoring to walk in the same path, can in this way commune with each other, and as ability is afforded seek to encourage and strengthen the exercised ones. Our Heavenly Father has sent to try and prove us, whether we will keep the path in low seasons, when there seems to our finite vision nothing to depend upon. But we do not serve a fickle Master and He will not try us beyond what He will give strength to bear if we look to Him alone for help. Notwithstanding the departures of many under our name, from the faithful support of our testimonies, we believe there is yet a living rem-

must who do sign and say, see all the abominations
omitted, and go mourning for the desolations in Zion;
the word of encouragement arises, in these, that they may
hold on their way, remembering that the same Lamb
Power of the Lord is as it ever was, a strong tower,
which the righteous may run into and find safety.

May it be the engagement of our hearts, to crave, even
than the returning morning, to be enabled simply to
now and to do the Divine will, neither running in
our own will and strength, nor burying our talent in the
earth, nor to act in the will of the creature, nor yet
to shrink from required duty, willing to abide in pa-
tience and true humility the Lord's own time, since
he who makes haste may miss his way, and he who
lingers too long behind may lose his Guide.

We have at this time the acceptable
company of some dear friends from other parts, and
wigs, whose company and labours of Gospel love have
been truly comforting to us, and our hearts are filled
with gratitude to the Shepherd of Israel, that He hath
thus remembered us by the breaking of the bread of life
to hungry and thirsting souls. We have been en-
couraged to a serious consideration of how it is with us,
and reminded of the shortness of time, and the neces-
sity of our knowing obedience to keep pace with knowl-
edge, and of doing our day's work in the daytime, for
the night cometh in which no man can work, exhort-
ing us to be willing to acknowledge our Saviour before
others enduring the cross and despising the shame
that we may win the crown of life, that is the re-
ward of the righteous of all generations. Many sober
and thoughtful people, with whom we are often more
or less brought in contact, are able to decide upon our
conduct in our daily lives whether it is in accord-
ance with our high and dignified profession. On that

This was more generally the case, how should we shine
as lights in the world, even as a city set upon a hill
that cannot be hid. We should then be as waymarks
to those who are enquiring the way to Zion with their
eyes thitherward. Truly it is only by getting low
enough that we can be brightly elevated, that it ord
rejoice the proud but gentle grace to the humble.

The enemy is ever ready to assail us on every side
and there is great need of watchfulness on our part
watching with prayer lest we be deceived by him.
may we be enabled to withstand him in all his ap-
proaches, and may all self be laid low and the Lord
alone exalted, and He will in His own good time arise
and give Beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning
and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Our number is very small and the query often arises
where are we to look for successors to fill the broken
ranks. But we are comforted in believing that He
who raised up and qualified those whom He hath
removed from works to rewards, is able to raise up
and qualify others to fill these vacant places, and
preserve a remnant who will be faithful to the
principles which we profess. There was never, more
need for Friends everywhere, to be clothed with the
whole armour of God, which He will abundantly re-
new to His obedient trusting children, it is only
when clothed with this armour that we are enabled
through watchfulness, to detect the unmerciful enemy
who is ever going about like a roaring lion, but
also assumes the guise of the subtle twisting serpent
sometimes even transformed into the appearance
of an angel of light. May our faith be increased
and our fortitude unflinching and unswerving, plant-
ed upon the only sure foundation, Christ-Jesus,
against which nothing shall ever prevail.

Communicating you, with ourselves, to the Holy Spirit, which, if we will receive it will teach us all things, bring all things to our remembrance and guide us into all truth. We bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1871

Dear Friends: -

In a measure of that love which should bind together all members of the Church militant, we feel to address you at this time. Through the loving favor of our ever merciful Heavenly Father we have been permitted once more to meet as a Yearly Meeting to endeavor to transact the affairs of the Church, & being as we came together that we might in prayer help to perform the various duties allotted us to the glory and honor of the great Head of the Church, and that our own will might be subject to His. We feel to humbly acknowledge that He has condescended to pour a portion of His Spirit upon us at this time, unworthy as we are. The reading of your acceptable Epistle was truly comforting, also those from the other Yearly Meetings with which she corresponded. We were for many years denied these fraternal favors, and we can therefore very fully appreciate the privilege which has been vouchsafed us at later time. It is also with thankful hearts that we acknowledge the company of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, feeling that it is renewed evidence that the Lord hath not cast us off, but we are still the objects of His loving care and tender mercy.

Much counsel has been handed forth tending to stir up the pure mind within us, and advise those who may be resting at ease to the neglect of the salvation of their never dying souls, and also to encourage those whose hearts

we tendered and assisted by the day spring from on
high especially the dear young people exhorting them to
hold their hearts to the preparing hand, and all of us
to submit to, and faithfully perform all that is required
at our hands not keeping back a cent of the price but to
bring all the tithes into the storehouse. The beauty
and excellence of love one to another was held up to our
view, showing us the necessity of living in that love
which preposes others before ourselves, and Christ and
his requirements first of all. We have been lovingly en-
trusted to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh
in which none can see to work. Parents were urged to
do their duty in the care of their children, that their ex-
ample might ever tend in the right direction. And
oh, may the dear parents with you and us, be living-
ly engaged to teach their offspring by precept and exam-
ple to walk in the straight and narrow way which
leadeth unto life eternal, so that when the day of
final account comes and the great Husbandman
inquires, where are the Lambs which were intrust-
ed to their care, the account may be rendered
with joy and not with grief. We feel at times very
poor and almost without courage to press on our way,
but the Lords promises are sure to those who seek to
know and to do his will; weak and frail as we are,
we have sometimes been favored to feel that, although
we are but a little flock, we are not entirely forgot-
ten by Israels lumbering shepherds, if we are but
willing to close in with the offers of salvation, becoming
followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, seeking to know
and do his will in the work of his repairing, and hold-
fast our integrity to the end that we may hear, the
done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into
the joy of thy Lord. But individual unfaithfulness
has brought great spiritual poverty upon us, and we

an old Standard - that the Standard which our fore-
fathers set so high and maintained with the loss of their
property, their liberty and even their lives is sought to be
lowered by many in the present day, manifestly by their
acts that they think many of our testimonies are of such
small consequence they need be no longer heeded, that
plainness of dress need be no longer observed, and the use
of the plain Scripture language is not one of the needful
things leading, that is the liberty in these respects will
keep the young people with us and serve to increase
our numbers, but, dear friends, these little things, as they
are deemed, do, when we have them prove as a hedge
around about us, especially the dear young people keep-
ing them from many of the allurements of the world.
For if, by their garb and language they are known to be
the followers of a self-denyng Lord, they will not seek
the world, neither will the world seek them and
thus they are prevented from mingling with unright-
eous company and avoid many temptations which
they would otherwise encounter. And away the
dear youth be willing to bend their necks to the yoke
of Christ - and become faithful workers in his vine-
yard, for as the Standard Bearer, who have borne the
burden and heat of the day, are removed from works
to rewards we may well ask, on whom shall their
mantles fall? - But we crave that - a succession of
Standard bearers may be raised up who are truly
exercised for the welfare of the Church, and are
willing to be as passive clay in the hands of the
Heavenly Potter, and come forth - vessels fit for the
Master's use. May you with ourselves seek to
know what are our short comings and our besett-
ing sins and look for strength to overcome everything
which is in the way of our advancement in the path
of truth and righteousness; May we be willing to

submit- to the trials and baptisms which are
sent- as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He shall
purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold
and silver that they may offer unto the Lord
an offering in righteousness." May the Lord
direct your hearts into the love of God and the
patient- waiting for Christ.

With love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for
New England held at Westerly Rhode Island
commencing with public meetings for worship
on First-day the 12th of 6th month 1892 and on
second day morning the 13th for discipline.

Accounts have been received at this time from
Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings,
by which it appears that the following named
friends were appointed to attend this meeting as
representatives - From Rhode Island - Anna
A. Foster, Ann Perry, Ruth A. Crandall, Eliza
Browning, and Mary A. Gardner - From Sandwich
Sarah H. Wilbur, Sarah E. Mitchell and Elizabeth
H. Eddy, whose names being called, they are present
except Elizabeth H. Eddy, who was prevented from
attending by the feeble state of her health.

Mrs. Mary J. Foster, Eliza Browning Jane C.
Chace, Lydia F. Nichols, and Robt W. Gardner
to prepare a summary from the answers to the
Queries, and present it - at our next sitting

We have received very acceptable Epistles from Ohio, Western, Iowa, Kansas, and Canada Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, which have been read in this meeting, and they have been truly comforting and encouraging, and the precious truths therein have met with a response in the hearts of tender seeking ones, and a concern has been felt that the operations of our dear absent-sisters, on our behalf may not be in vain, and that the labors have not been bestowed upon wholly unfruitful ground, also a feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for this privilege of an intercourse with those who are situated so far distant that we are seldom favored to meet with them face to face.

Eliza G. Sheffield, Anna A. Foster, Abby W. Gardner, Mary J. Foster, Elizabeth P. Foster, and Mary A. Gardner are appointed to prepare essays or Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings as they may open, and present them at a future sitting.

The representatives are desired to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree upon the names of some friends to serve this meeting as Clerks.

No further business coming before us at this sitting we adjourn to the time this afternoon that our friends may propose.

Afternoon, near the 4th hour friends again met.

Ruth A. Crandall on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting that they were united in proposing the name of Mary A. Gardner, for Clerk and that of Mary J. Foster for assistant Clerk which, being separately considered are united with by the

meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year!

The Queries have been read at this sitting, succeeded by answers to each from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, also a summary prepared therefrom, which is approved by this Meeting, and is as follows - Viz -

Answer 1st - All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held, except three small meetings for which are not kept up. Two meetings for worship and one preparative meeting were not held on account of sickness and inclement weather.

The meetings on first days are usually attended by most members when of ability to be so, but the week day meetings are not so well attended.

The hour is generally pretty well observed by most friends. Mostly preserved from sleep. No other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained. A concern is felt, and we trust some care exercised to guard against detraction. No differences have been brought to our notice.

Ans 3rd Some care is exercised in regard to plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, & to discourage pernicious reading, also corrupt conversation. But we feel that more care in regard to these requirements, and a better example on the part of some Parents, and some other members, would be a help to the young and tend to strengthen and promote the spiritual growth of the Church. We believe that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families

Ans 4th Careful as to the use of spirituous liquors,
No frequenting of Taverns or places of public resort
Moderation and temperance generally observed.

Ans 5th No Friends among us needing assistance.
Children freely partake of Learning, none are placed
from among Friends

Ans 6th We believe that Parents and Heads of families
with the young and unmarried feel a desire that
all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable
to discipline.

Ans 7th We believe that most of our members are
concerned to maintain their testimony in the several
parts of this query. Some instances of attending meet-
ings of other denominations.

Ans 8th Friends are thought to be careful to inspect
their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual in
their promises, ^{and} just in the payment of their debts, and
have a care to live within the bounds of their cir-
cumstances.

Ans 9th Friends are careful as to records.
No removals without certificate

Ans 10th We are sensible with Friends that often
does we dissent - nothing.

No placing of judgment - since
our last account.

We have received information from the men's
meeting that they are united in granting the re-
quest of Abigail Island Quarterly Meeting, to change

the place of holding that meeting in the second, and eighth months, from Parturbed to Winterly, with which this meeting unites.

We have been furnished with the Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, which have been read and are satisfactory to this meeting, and we unite with the Class meeting in the disappointment of the same friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

No further business claiming our attention at this sitting we adjourn to the time tomorrow that other friends may propose.

This day afternoon the 14th of the month near the third hour. Friends again assembled.

The names of the representatives being called all are present who were at the first sitting except Sarah E. Willard who was prevented from attending by illness.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to prepare essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence have produced such, addressed to each of the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, of Ohio, Western, Iowa, Kansas and Canada, which have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign, and forward the same on behalf of the meeting.

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting for the purpose of leaving the care of the distribution of Friends Books and Tracts

make the following report—

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.
Several thousand Tracts, and a number of Books have been obtained from the Tract Depository at Philadelphia, at an expense of 48 Dollars, a large portion of which have been distributed. They have been kindly and thankfully received, a number of the recipients expressing their appreciation of them.
Signed on behalf of the Committee.

6. 14. 1892.

George C. Foster, Clerk

which is satisfactory to this meeting, and we unite with our Friends in the reappointment of the same Committee to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year.

Our Friends inform, that in view of the prospect of the Friends Meeting House, situated in Fifth St. & 8th, being sold, they are invited in having Sandwich Quarterly Meeting at liberty to change the place of holding that meeting from New Bedford to Dartmouth, and also to change the place of holding Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the third, sixth, ninth and eleventh months, from New Bedford to Dartmouth with which this meeting unites.

We have in attendance at this Yearly Meeting our dear friend Rebecca K. Foster a Minister from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, whose company, and labors in the love of the Gospel, have been very comforting and encouraging to us.

We came together, at this our annual assembly, with feelings of weakness and discouragement. But our Heavenly Father hath been pleased to

be with us, enabling us to transact the business which has come before us, in much harmony and love, overshadowing our hearts with a sense of his goodness and mercy, under which we voluntarily conclude, proposing to meet again, at this place in sixth month next, if consistent with the Divine Will.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends. for 1872

Dear Friends.

We again salute you in the love of the Gospel earnestly desiring, that your and our foundation may still continue on the Rock of Ages. For there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved, but by Christ - the Door. The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. May we be strong in the Lord, and favored with the growth and increasing incomes of his love, and be faithful in serving Him, that we may not miss of an entrance into that rest prepared for the people of God. Christ said "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." And He will assuredly help us to overcome our souls enemies, and may nothing debilitate us in this spiritual warfare, but may we die daily to self, and fight under the banner of the Prince of Peace. The unwearied enemy, no doubt, will suggest that we shall never be able to overcome, but all things are possible with God, and we live only one day at a time, and as our day is, so strength will be given us. We may remember what is said in the Revelations of John that overcometh that he shall be made a pillar in the temple of his

God and shall go no more out. And again, 'So hein that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God'; and there are other passages for our encouragement.

It was through this precious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that Life and immortality were brought to light. He says to his disciples in John 6. 24, 'Labor not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you; Again He says, in the 10th Chapter of John 'I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved, my sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal Life. So we feel that this Glorious One is dignified with immortality and crowned with eternal Life.

We have received and read your acceptable Epistle of 9th inst last, in which are goodly words of comfort; we fear, better than our conditions will bear; but it is not impossible yet for the Lord to raise up children unto Abraham.

We rejoice that you, and other dear friends also, have open hearts to receive us as brethren and sisters of the same household of faith.

We have the acceptable company of a dear friend from another Yearly Meeting whose labors in the love of the Gospel have been truly encouraging.

The interested young people mentioned in your Epistle, must be comforting and encouraging to you. Precious plants in the Lord's garden, may they be clothed with the goodly armor of sincerity, meekness, and cheerfulness, and walk in the crossbearing path that leads up to the celestial city, and the Lord will love them and submit to them precious gifts.

We ought not to live to ourselves only, but to the
glory of Him who made us, our Redeemer and our
Protector, and so long as we remain in this tabernacle
of clay, and in a militant state, so long shall
we need his gracious care and preserving power.

"For the just shall live by faith." "How goodly are
thy tents O Jacob and thy tabernacles O Israel!"
"He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and
his seed shall be in many waters."

Farewell dear sisters. May you experience the
Lord to be your refuge and the everlasting Arms
to be underneath for your support.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Mary S. Gardner, Clerk.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for 1892
Dear Friends:

We have assembled again in a Yearly
Meeting capacity, and have received, and read your
acceptable Epistle of 9th inst - which contains words
of sympathy and comfort - which we highly prize.
It is comparable to sending a cup of cold water in
the name of a disciple, because they belong unto Christ
they shall not lose their reward, and the Master
will say, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the
least of these my brethren ye have done it unto
me." These greetings, we believe, help bear one
another's burdens, and the burdens of the suffering
Church. Although we are poor and shipwrecked,
and many times discouraged, notwithstanding we
feel to salute you in that love that knows no
bounds - even the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord - that same Love of life and glory, that
opened without the gates of Jerusalem for our sal-
vation, yet his suffering on the cross and in

That prepared body in which He came to do his Father's will, will not suffer us, unless the Most High overshadow our hearts and bestow Him there likewise. Christ in us the hope of glory. Then like Job we can say with living experience "I know that my Redeemer liveth" and if we know Him and have received Him into our hearts the world will be crucified unto us, and we unto the world. Christ is the Head of the Church, and Christianity is holiness in life and conversation. Let us show to the world, that we are His sheep indeed. That we are His disciples by the fruits that we daily yield in our lives and conversation. For herein saith Christ is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.

How wonderfully the Lord deals with His people! When Moab's king sent to the prophet to come and curse Israel, and offered him great rewards, and his heart was inclined so to do, the Lord met him in the way and restrained, and the cursing was turned into a blessing, for Israel was then a thick and lowly people and the Lord loved them, and as long as they kept near their Lord and Leader, so long were they protected, and no enchantment nor divination could prevail against them. But on the other hand, when they became idolaters and forsook His Laws and testimonies, His favors and mercies forgotten, who had so signally brought them out from the house of bondage in so marvelous a manner, and when the glory that also departed from them, then His wrath was kindled against them, and He gave them over into the hands of their enemies. Now in our own favored Society, how will it fare with us, if we rebel against His Laws and testimonies which He has given us to keep? The Lord will be angry and withhold His protecting care. But if we turn not away, but closely follow Him He will cause these testimonies to abide in

us as they did upon our forefathers - like a crown
of glory and a diadem of beauty.

Our Blessed
Redeemer invites the whole family of man to come
and partake of the water of life freely. Let us
not miss this great and precious inheritance in
that celestial city whose walls are salvation and
whose gates are praise. For gracious invitations
have been extended again and again.

We have been
comforted by the presence of a dear Friend from
another Yearly Meeting, and hope that the good
seed which she has been enabled to sow among
us may not be lost.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Mary A. Galanter Clerk.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for 1892.
Dear Friends

By the reading of your truly acceptable
Epistle of 10th Mo last we were renewedly brought
to feel that among those of the same household
of faith, even when mostly strangers as to the out-
ward, there is a bond of true Christian fellowship
which leads us to address each other in tender love
and sympathy, and so way opens for it with words
of counsel and encouragement - which are very com-
forting and strengthening.

We have come together at
this time in much weakness, and with a humbling
sense of our shortcomings, and that we have failed
to live up to the principles which we profess, and
to faithfully maintain our precious doctrines and
testimonies before the world, and a concern has
been deeply felt that we may as individuals

more and more realize our accountability, and the responsibilities resting upon us; that we may not lightly esteem the privileges which we enjoy, but be willing to turn away from the fleeting pleasures and treasures of this world, and enter into a deep searching of heart - to see how it is with us, whether we are counting nothing too mean or too dear to give up that we may win Christ, or whether we are saving the best of the sheep and the oxen, or keeping back a part of the price withholding that, which has been required of us to give up by the Master for Truth, in the secret of our own souls.

Strong desires have arisen that all might come to know for themselves that the Lord is not wanting on his part; and that no more will be required of us, than strength will be given to perform, if we lay aside all dependence upon our own strength and ability, and in sincere humility look unto Him for help: going up to the fire and ^{to} the sword everything that may be found in the way of our purification and refinement. May none be discouraged because of the roughness of the way or of the trials and desolations which may be met with, and do like those, who in the time of our Saviour turned away and walked no more with Him, but rather rejoice that we are found worthy to suffer for His sake, remembering that He said, "if any man will be my disciple let him deny himself, take up his daily cross and follow me," and again, "take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls!"

Whilst striving to be faithful faithful in performing our whole duty, there is indeed great need that we should patiently abide at the Master's feet, awaiting His command to go forth, and by watching unto prayer seek to be preserved from mistaking our own will for the Lord's will and thus putting forth the

beard unbidden, but be willing to submit to a violent travail and exercise of spirit, which the Lord can cause to avail as much as the expression of it, bearing our burdens until He shall arise for our deliverance, when He will put forth and go before making a way for us where we may not be able to see any way for our allotted work and service, and we may have the result with Him.

The Apostle saith "Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompence of reward, for ye have need of patience that after having done the will of God ye might receive the reward." Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

We have received at this time comforting and encouraging Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence, and have also been favored with the acceptable company of a Friend from another Yearly Meeting whose labours in the love of the Gospel have been to our edification and encouragement, causing us to feel that we are yet the object of our Heavenly Father's care.

We feel to extend a word of encouragement to those Friends (members of this Yearly Meeting) who, being remote from their own Yearly Meeting care went to meet with you in yours, for we believe that all rightly concerned Friends, who are willing to come under a violent travail and exercise of spirit, that the business may be transacted by and through the immediate guidance of the Head of the Church, and that every concern may be of this begetting, and putting forth, will add weight and strength to the meeting, and they will also receive strength and com-

for - themselves.

And now dear Sisters we would commend you all to God and to the word of His grace which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all that are sanctified.

With a salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Woman Friends for 1872.
Dear Friends

As we have again been favored to meet together as a Yearly Meeting, it has been our earnest desire and prayer that our hearts may be uplifted in humble thankfulness for the many unnumbered mercies bestowed upon us by an ever watchful and compassionate Father who still regardeth the low estate of His tried and afflicted children, truly craving that we may be of the number whom He towers as such, a deep concern is felt - that all may with diligence labor to have their minds truly gathered and humbled before God, and to know a being fixed on that foundation which alone standeth sure.

The reading of your valuable and instructive Epistle together with those from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond has been comforting and encouraging to us, feeling that there are other dear tried ones who feel a treasure of love and sympathy for us, as members of the same household of faith.

We believe that the design of our Society being raised up, was to promote the Gospel of the grace of God, and its work in the hearts of the people, and we earnestly desire that we, and you, should firmly hold to our ancient doctrines and

testimonies and in the power of Almighty God resist all attempted innovations upon them, whatever efforts others may make to introduce changes.

We feel the necessity of every one coming more and more under a travail of spirit - for our own sake and for the cause of Christ - for as we keep to our individual exercise to know the life of the great Head & prevail, we shall experience a participation in it - and become more and more united to one another in the unity of the Spirit - and the bond of peace, and thus contribute to each others growth and establishment in the ever blessed Truth.

Let us not forget - that the Lord can work without instruments when He sees meet, and can also raise up helpers from very unexpected quarters; may we all look to Him, and cease from a dependence on man, and it may yet please Him to revive His work in the midst of the years, and to turn our captivity as the streams of the south.

It is a comfort to believe, that there are tender visited ones in this our day, but we know that the enemy is ever ^{busy} endeavoring to draw such aside from the true and living way, or to hinder their advancement therein. Alas, the Good Shepherd care for these, and by his Infinite love recall them if their hearts should wander from Him; exercise his righteous discipline upon them, and prepare them for his own work and service.

Let us then cheerfully submit to those baptisms of Spirit - which reduce the creaturely will, which bow and prostrate us before the Father of Mercies, and which make us more and more willing to be what He would have us to be, and as this is our engagement, He will be near to help in every trial, He will lift up the drooping head, sou-

from the great ones, give us the victory over our
own corrupt-natures, preserve us from falling,
and finally present us faultless before the presence
of his glory with exceeding joy.

We have at this time
the company of a dear Friend from another Yearly
meeting who, we reverently believe, has been favored
to dispense of the Bread and Water of Life to hunger-
ing and thirsting souls, earnestly pleading with
all to be faithful in our allotted places in the
work and service of the Lord. What is the world
and all its amusements, profits and honors, com-
pared with a crown immortal that fadeth not away,
which is reserved in Heaven for all who are kept by
the power of God through faith unto salvation.

We have been favored to transact the business
which has come before us in harmony and love,
having thankfully to acknowledge that the Lord
hath been pleased to manifest his presence a-
mong us tendering our hearts and causing us to feel
that it is good for us to be here.

Commending you, with ourselves to the guidance
and protection of Israel's Shepherd who shepherds
not by day nor slumbereth by night, we bid
you an affectionate farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for 1892
Dear Friends.

Having been permitted once more through
the great kindness and consideration of our ever merciful
Heavenly Father to meet together in the capacity of a
Yearly Meeting to transact the weighty affairs of the Church
which should come before us, we were bowed as we

were to the very earth, under a sense of our great weakness and incapacity of ourselves to do one good thing; but we have the promise if we seek, we shall find; and if favoured to rightly seek for help from the alone true source of good, then shall we realize that those who place not their dependence on an arm of flesh, but on the Arm of Omnipotence shall receive help in time of need.

We have with us at this time a Friend from another Yearly Meeting whose company has been acceptable, and Gospel labours instructive and encouraging. We feel that the Great Head of the Church has graciously condescended to be with us, and to speak to us through his servants and translators; we have been exhorted to seek diligently for the Holy Spirit, and to open the doors of our hearts unto Him, not keeping Him waiting outside until his locks are wet with the drops of the night.

A concern was expressed that the silent-part of our meetings might not sink into a lifeless form and become a dead silence, for we are accountable for the time thus spent; it should not be filled with thoughts of our business, plans, or pleasures, but should be devoted to the worship of the Most High God, and in reverent waiting to know his will concerning us. We were also reminded that if the heart is filled with the things of this world, there is no room for the Holy One of Israel, and on the other hand if the heart is filled with good things, evil cannot enter there.

The young people were lovingly invited to give themselves to their Saviour and Redeemer in the days of their youth.

The importance of little things has been

revived in our hearing, showing that their far reaching influence, sometimes makes small things much greater than we suppose.

The reading of your acceptable Epistle of last sixth month, together with those from other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond has been a comfort to us, and also tends to encourage us, for we are but Jews, and weak men & women, but these messages from our absent sisters prove to us that we are still remembered by those far distant, and may our hearts be filled with Thanksgiving to the Allwise giver of every good thing, that their hearts were moved to remember us in our stricken condition, and encouraging us to remember the promise that "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." reminding us that we are always kept in view by the Allseeing Eye, for we are not told that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without our Heavenly Father's notice. Our many inconsistencies, transgressions, and shortcomings arise before us in appalling proportions, and we are led almost to query can this mountain ever be removed from our path that we may press forward in the way to the Heavenly City, and find redemption from our sins through the cleansing blood of our Saviour which was shed on Calvary for all? but if we are faithful to the light that is given us more will be added and we shall be enabled to surmount difficulties which had seemed beyond our power ^{to} remove or rise above.

May our trials beget a tenderness of feeling within us for ^{our} afflictions do not soften, they will harden the heart; the same sun that softens the wax, hardens the clay; therefore, may we know

of a tendering of our Pearls which shall lead us
down into the Valley of Humiliation, there to abide
until we shall hear the call to come up higher
and partake of the resurrection in store for us as a
compensation for our obedience in submitting to
the Divine requiring.

Nothing but individual faith
fulness can rebuild the walls of our Zion and repair
the breaches therein, if all were willing to ^{do} their part
and put a shoulder to the work how easily this might
be done, but human nature shrinks from the
cross.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Mary A. Gardner. Secy.

At our Monthly Meeting of Harmon Friends for New
England held at West's Block Island commencing
with public meetings for worship on first day Jan
11th & 6th now 1843 and on second day morning the
12th for discipline.

Accounts have been received at this
time from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meet-
ings by which it appears that the following names
of friends were appointed to attend this meeting as representa-
tives. From Rhode Island, Anna S. Foster Eliza G.
Shaffield Abby W. Gardner and Anna H. Chase.
From Sandwich, Sarah F. Wilbur and Susanna W.
Gidley, whose names being called they are present
except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons have
been given.

The appoint- Anna H. Chase, Mary
J. Foster, Sarah F. Wilbur and Abby W. Gardner to
prepare a summary from the answers to the Queries
and present it at our next sitting.

We have received very acceptable Epistles from Ohio, Western, Iowa, Kansas, and Canada Yearly Meetings of Women Friends which have been read in this meeting, and have been encouraging and comforting to us. A desire has been felt that the kindly counsel which our dear Sisters have been favored to extend to us may not be lightly passed over, but, be remembered to our edification and profit.

We appoint, Anna A. Foster, Abby W. Gardner, Mary J. Foster, Anna W. Chase and Mary A. Gardner to prepare essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings as may may open, and present them at a future sitting.

We have with us at this time our dear Friend Archibald Crosbie with a minute from Paulina Monthly Meeting of Friends held near Paulina Iowa 28th & 1st Mo 1843, and answered by West Branch Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at West Branch Cedar Co Iowa 2nd Mo 18th 1843, liberating him to visit in the love of the Gospel the meetings constituting New England Yearly Meeting, and if way opens for some of the Meetings of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, and such other service going and returning as may be prompted in the openings of Truth. He being a minister with whom they have unity. His company and Gospel Labors have been very acceptable to us.

We have also in attendance our dear Friend Joseph S. Elkinton with a minute from a Monthly Meeting of Friends in Philadelphia held 5th & 25th Mo 1843, liberating him to visit in Gospel love some portions of the New England States, and attend some of the meetings of those under our name, and to appoint some public meetings as ability may be afforded and West Missions may direct, he being a minister in unity with them.

His company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us.

We have also ~~in attendance~~ ^{the company of} our dear Friend Joseph Matton, with a minute from Chester Monthly Meeting of Friends held in New Jersey 6th & 6th mo 1893, liberating him to accompany Joseph S. Elkinon in his proposed visit to New England, He being an Elder in unity with them. His weighty deportment and labors in the love of the Gospel are very acceptable to us.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting to agree upon the names of Friends to serve the meeting as Clerks.

No further business coming before us at this sitting, we adjourn to the time when friends may propose to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon near the 4th hour Friends again met.

Mr. W. Gardner, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting, that they were united in proposing the name of Mary A. Gardner for Clerk and that of Sarah H. Pillsbury for assistant Clerk, which being separately considered, are united with by the meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to those services.

The Minutes, succeeded by answers to each from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time also a summary prepared therefrom, which is accepted by the meeting to be placed on record.

Ans^{1st} All our meetings for worship have been held except two small meetings which are not kept up. One preparative meeting has been omitted on re-

22. of sickness. Meetings are well attended by members when it ability to do so. Other meetings not so well attended. The hour mostly sound, mostly clear of sleep or other undecorous behaviour.

Ans 2nd Love and unity in a good degree maintained and measures used to guard against subtraction. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3rd Some care is exercised in regard to plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and to discourage pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Yet it is felt that a deeper concern, and more care in regard to these requirements, also a better example on the part of some parents and some other members would be a help to the dear young friends, and tend to strengthen and promote the spiritual growth of the Church. We believe that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th Friends are believed to be careful as to the use of spirituous liquors. No frequenting of taverns or places of public resort. Moderation and Temperance generally observed.

Ans 5th - None needing assistance. Children freely partake of learning. Some placed for training among Friends.

Ans 6th We know not but Parents and Heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans 7th Most of our members are concerned to maintain their Testimony in the several parts of

the year. Some instances of attending meetings when
there is a paid ministry. 7

Ans 8th Friends are thought to be careful to inspect
their affairs and settle their accounts, just in the
payment of their debt; and also take care to be
within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Friends are careful as to records. Our
Quarterly Meeting reports a Friend come among
them without a certificate.

Ans 10th Some concern is felt that offenders
should be dealt with, and judgement placed
according to our discipline.

No further business claiming our attention at
this sitting we adjourn to the time tomorrow. The
Women Friends only propose.

Third day the 13th of the month. Near the third hour
in the afternoon, Friends again assembled.

The names of the representatives being called, all are
present - who were at the first sitting except one,
for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been given.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to
prepare essays & Epistles to the annual meetings
with which we are in correspondence, have
presented such, addressed to each of the yearly meet-
ings of Women Friends, viz. Ohio, Western Iowa,
Kansas and Canada; which have been read
and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign
and forward the same on behalf of the Association.

We have in attendance at this Yearly Meeting our
beloved Friends Enoch and Catherine Barber from
Kansas Yearly Meeting. Their company has been
very acceptable and encouraging to us.

The Committee having the care of the distribution
of Friends Books and Tracts make the following
report.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

During the past year several thousand Tracts have
obtained from the Tract Depository at Philadelphia
a considerable number of which, have been distribu-
ted, and many very kindly received. A number
of copies of the Journal of George Fox, and of Bio-
graphical Sketches of Friends have also been handed
to those whom it was thought - might - read them
and be profited thereby.

On behalf of the Committee.

George C. Foster Clerk.

Which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we
unite with our Friends in the reappointment
of the same Committee with the addition of
Emma A. Gardner. and Emma A. F. Perry.

We have been furnished with the records of
the Meeting for Sufferings, which have been
read and approved. And this Meeting unite
with the next Meeting in the reappointment of
the same friends to constitute a Meeting for Suffer-
ings with the addition of Sarah A. Wilbur.

Our Friends have furnished returning minutes
for our dear Friends Archibald Crosbie, Joseph S.
Elphinston, and Joseph Walton which are united
with by this Meeting and the Clerk is left at liberty

to sign the same in its behalf in conjunction
with the Clerk of the Church Meeting.

Having been favored to accomplish the business
which has come before us, in harmony and
love, we feel to acknowledge with gratitude
and humility that we have not been forsaken
by our Heavenly Father. But He hath been pleased
to overshadow our heads with a sense of His love
and compassion; and under a precious covering
of solemnity we conclude, proposing to meet
again in 6th mo next - at this place, if consistent
with the Divine will.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk

To This Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, 1893.

Beloved Friends

Our annual Meeting has again
gathered and on sitting down together with contrite
hearts, we feel the Lord is still our refuge & our
strong hold and our worthy, yet He will not for-
sake us when we first forsake Him, for He con-
sidereth that we are but dust, and He knows the
sincere desire of every heart; and those who give up
the whole heart - He will enable to serve Him accep-
tably. Our minds at this time have been turned
towards the dear friends that used to occupy those
seats with us. We miss the company and counsel
of our precious friends, whom we tenderly loved.
They have been gathered we trust - to the general assem-
bly and Church of the first born whose names are
written in Heaven, and we feel that we are a
little lonely company. But we pray, take this com-
fort and consolation, that those who sleep in

Jesus their everlasting rest - is certain, and their trials are ended, even in that home prepared for the faithful of the Land, for Jesus saith, "Father I will that they also whom Thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory which Thou hast given me."

Dear Sister, what does the Lord require of us? will He be pleased with - the oblation of the fat of rams, or ten thousand rivers of oil?

Nay, He hath showed thee Oh woman what regard, and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly, with thy God, despise not nor reject - His heavenly visitations, for if we do, we shall lose all hope of a happy immortality.

Let us remember our suffering Saviour who died for us on the Cross to save us from our sins, not in them, for He said, "If ye die in your sins, where I am ye cannot come."

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - the Chief corner stone, was the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, and holy men of old, and also of our Fathers in the Truth; and if we follow them, as they followed Christ, it will be our Foundation also against which the storms of past ages have beat in vain.

What an unspeakable favor it is to be permitted to approach the Mercy Seat - and pour out our wants and our sorrows to our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ our Lord. And if we in all our trials put our whole trust in Him, patiently submitting to the Divine Will, all things will work together for good, and we shall see that, "His grace is sufficient for us". for He will walk with us through the furnace of affliction and all things will be tempered for our eternal inheritance, and our sorrows will be sweetened by the presence of a Crucified Saviour.

Where the treasure is there the heart will be also.

So let us be sure our treasure is in Heaven, for we shall then know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Saviour says, "In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

We have received at this time your acceptable & timely letter of 24th inst. and we very much prize these sisterly communications. They do doubtless strengthen the Christian fellowship and cement and bind closer in the one bundle.

We have in attendance several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and Gospel labors are very refreshing to us and we have received them with thankful hearts as sent by our Heavenly Father.

God bless dear sisters, may the Lord be very near and preserve you.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

May H. Gardner. Clerk.

To Western Yearly Meeting - Harmon Friends 1898

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Dear Friends

We have again been permitted to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and we have cause to thank and praise our Heavenly Father that He has sustained and favored us with His heavenly in-
spiration, and hath caused us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus our Lord. And now

in the simplicity of a little child (not doubting)
we ask for the ~~same~~ continuance of this same care and
tender survey, and we believe He will respond to
our weaknesses in a generous manner, for without His
help us we may labor in vain. Let us with humble
boldness draw near to the footstool of our great Teacher
who taught as never man taught, and when He walk-
ed on earth in this prepared body with sinners, was
a living illustration of the truths He taught, and
it is here within His feet that we must learn if we ever be-
come possessors of righteousness in word or deed; with
what love and compassion did He fulfil all, making
daily ministrations of His goodness and mercy, to the
lowly, the poor and the blind who had need to help.
Doing the work that His Father had appointed, pre-
paring to be offered up; to give His life a ransom for
many, and He says "greater love hath no man than this
that a man lay down his life for his friends," and we
may well say His enemies also. For His petition on the
Cross was "Father forgive them, for they know not what they
do." And we are bound to revere and commemorate
this precious undying love of the blessed Saviour to the
children of men, and open our hearts and let His King-
dom & Glory in, if we will admit Him He will purify our
wicked natures and set up His Kingdom there, and then
our light will indeed shine before men.

May the dear young people both with you and
us become humble followers of the Lamb, that the Sun
of righteousness may arise and shine in their hearts,
and keep them humble and lowly, craving that they
be not carried away by the world, and be obliged
to hang their harps upon the willows, for in their
captivity they cannot sing the Lord's songs.

We have received your acceptable Epistle of 9th
month last, with others also, and we write with you

that this correspondence does stir up the pure mind
in the way of more faithfulness Zionward, and to
help one another put on their beautiful garments
that adorn the King's daughter, which is the inward
adorning of the heart. We have several dear
friends present - your other Yearly Meetings at this
time, whose company and gospel labors are refresh-
ing to us. "How beautiful upon the mountains are
the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that
publisheth peace, that saith - unto Zion 'thy God
reigneth'."

Farewell dear Sisters, may the Lord be near you
in your going out, and your coming in.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1878.

Dear Sisters

As we have again been permitted
through the mercy and condescension of our Heav-
ly Father, to assemble our little company together
to transact the business of the Yearly Meeting, we
do feel in a measure our great weakness, especially
as to a true and living concern that we may be
established upon a sure foundation, even the
Rock Christ Jesus, against which, nothing shall
ever prevail. And we do earnestly crave, that
there may be more and more sincere travail of
heart and exercise of spirit, for ourselves and
for each other, and an increase of faith to believe
that the Lord knoweth the needs of every heart,
and if we look to Him alone for direction He
will guide us, and in His unerring wisdom
show us how and when He would have us to

move in His work and service. We have been encouraged, and instructed by the reading of your valuable Epistle which with those from all the other Brethren's meetings with which we are in correspondence have been as a brook by the way, refreshing our souls and drawing us nearer and nearer together as sheep of one fold with one Shepherd.

It is plainly evident that - unfaithfulness in maintaining, in our daily lives, our ^{previous} principles and testimonies before the world have broken and shattered our ranks and torn down the bulwarks that were once built around us for our preservation and protection; and nothing but a return to just principles, an earnest concern and travail of spirit to be found willing and obedient to the Lord's will can ever rebuild the walls of our Zion and restore it to its once favoured condition, that it may be as a city set upon a hill that cannot be hid, our light so shining that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

We have been favoured at this time with the very acceptable company of ministers and other dear friends from other Brethren's Meetings. May the words of counsel and encouragement which have been transmitted forth sink deep into our hearts stirring us up to be more careful and watchful that our daily lives may be consistent with our profession, that none shall be stumbled or turned aside by our example; may we as professed followers of a meek and lowly Saviour strive to bear all things with meekness and patience, and by the reduction of self become low and humble, as passive clay in the hands of the potter, to be moulded and fashioned into vessels meet for the Master's use.

A concern is felt that the Mothers

and others who have charge of the Tender Lamb
of the flock, may be deeply engaged for the welfare of
their ever-dying souls, instructing by precept and ex-
ample to bring them up in the nurture and admoni-
tion of the Lord, seeking rather than the returning
morning for that help which alone can qualify
them to watch over and guide them aright.

We feel an interest in your progress in the
establishment of a school for the guarded education
of your precious children, believing that your care in
this respect will prove a blessing to them.

And now dear sisters we bid you an affectionate
farewell, desiring for us all that we may be favored to
keep the quiet habitation wherein alone the voice of
the true Shepherd is to be distinguished from the
voice of the stranger.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting
Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friends. 1843.

Dear Sisters,

Our hearts have again been comforted
and encouraged by the tender love and sympathy
expressed in the Epistles received from all the Yearly
Meetings with which we are in correspondence, and
we believe that it is in a measure of true Christian
fellowship that we feel drawn to address you at this
time, trusting that the blessing of the Lord will rest
upon the bond of unity which binds together all who
are striving to be found humble and devoted followers
of their crucified and risen Lord, He who declared
of Himself, I am the vine, ye are the branches, ex-
cept the branch abide in the vine it cannot bring
forth fruit, and except we abide in Him we can-

not with our utmost efforts bring forth fruit to his
honor and praise.

We desire that none may be discouraged,
although they may feel as did the disciples, "We have
toiled all night - and have taken nothing," but may
willingly respond, "at thy word we will let down the
net," abiding in patience, and a true and living faith
that He is as able now as He was then, to accomplish in
his own way and time the same marvelous results,
and to cause the everlasting Truth - to rise into dominion
over every sinning thing. The Lord's ways are
not as our ways, nor his thoughts as our thoughts - as
the heavens are higher than the earth, so are his ways
higher than our ways and his thoughts - higher than
our thoughts, and thus it may be that, what seems to
us in our wisdom, would accomplish the best results,
and so the most good, is not what He would have us
to do, and for such labor, his favor and blessing
will be withheld, without which we may not hope to
prosper, while faithful obedience to his requireing, in
what may seem to us as very small things will assured-
ly bring the reward of peace, and under the Divine
blessing may avail much.

We have with us at this time several
ministers and dear friends from other Monthly Meetings,
a favor that we gratefully acknowledge as an evidence
of the loving care of our Heavenly Father extended in
mercy to us, and we feel to crave that the good seed
thus permitted to be sown may not fall upon stony
ground; be devoured by the fowls of the air, nor yet
choke with weeds and thorns, but bring forth fruit
many fold.

We are not unmindful of our shortcomings
and sensible that we do not commend to the
world, or in any way further our precious principles

and testimonies, while forsaking them ourselves,
or by seeking to lower our standard, believing that
any attempt to widen the path and broaden the way
can only tend to retard our spiritual growth and
advancement - in the everlasting truth.

Oh that we all might - be willing to heed the
reproach, seek first the Kingdom of God and the
righteousness thereof, having faith to trust in the
precious promise that all things necessary shall
be added. Let us strive to lay aside every
weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us,
and run with patience the race that is set before
us, willing to give up all, and to spend and be
spent in that glorious cause which we feel is dig-
nified with immortality and crowned with eter-
nal life.

May the Lord watch over, keep, and direct
us all. //

With a salutation of love we bid you an
affectionate farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1893.

Dear Sister:

Another year has gone to join the many
which are gone before and the time for our annual
assembly having again arrived, and feeling our own
inability of ourselves to conduct the affairs of the
Church aright, we have craved that help might be
given us from the alone source of good, that we
might not dishonor the Great Head of the Church
but be enabled to transact the business as becomes
his followers and disciples, and we have been fa-

power to feel that in great consideration a portion of
his spirit has been granted us, and we have been favour-
ed with love and unity in the several subjects which
have come before us, and may we with grateful heart
remembrance render praise and thanks where they are
due.

We have with us at this time a number
of ministers and other members of several nearby meet-
ings, whose company and services have been very accept-
able and comforting to us. We have been reminded
that with our Heavenly Father a broken heart and a
contrite spirit are well pleasing in His sight.

The reading of your acceptable Epistle of last
6th month, together with those of the other nearby meet-
ings with which we correspond, has been indeed pleasant
and comfortable to our minds, and may we be truly
thankful for the favour thus granted us, and be brought
to a feeling sense of our entire dependance upon Him
from whom all blessings flow, and may we be led to
more and more seek for that help in our daily walk,
and may we with you dear sisters, be found walking
in that straight and narrow way which leadeth unto
life eternal. May we be led out of the excitement
and activity of those who seek to serve God in their own
line and way, and be instructed to follow Him in the
manner of His requiring, and do His will like obedient
children, that when time with us shall be no more
we may be made to lie down in green pastures and
be led by the still waters.

A year has arisen
that in this day there is too much time devoted to the
cultivation of the intellect, and not enough thought-
given, or time allowed for the growth of the spiritual
attributes of the children of men, the intellect
may be of a high order and yet the soul be dwarfed
and starved for want of a little quiet in which
to wait upon the Creator, and know His will.

Concerning us, and what-He would have us do to be saved.

We are desirous that this may not be so but that all may be constrained to seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and the Glory thereof, when we are assured all things needful will be added thereto.

And now, commending you, with ourselves to Him who is able to keep us from falling; and with a salutation of love and love you an affectionate Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting

Mary A. Gardiner, Clerk

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly Rhode Island, commencing with public exercises for worship on First day the 10th of 6th mo 1894 and second day morning the 11th for disruption.

Accounts have been received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends were appointed to attend this Meeting as representatives from Rhode Island, Anna A. Foster, Elija G. Chaffield, Ruth A. Coombs, and Anna M. Chace, from Sandwich, Susanna M. Gidley, and Sarah F. Fisher, whose names being called they were present except one, for whom absence a satisfactory reason was given.

We have with us at this time our beloved friend Sarah Ann, Hinshaw, with a certificate from Cottonwood Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th and 12th 1894, and endorsed by Cottonwood Quarterly Meeting held at Emporia, Kansas, 5th and 19th 1894. Liberalists hereto attend New England Yearly Meeting, and some of the meetings within its limits, she being a Minister with them they have good unity. The Company and

services are very acceptable to us.

We have also in attendance our beloved friend Eliza H. Varney, with a certificate from West-Lake Monthly Meeting held at Haverhill, Ontario 1st 18th 1844, and endorsed by West-Lake Yearly Meeting held at the same place 2nd 3rd 4th 1844, liberating her to assist in the love of the Gospel, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and such service within its limits as may shall open for. Also to attend New England Yearly Meeting, and such other service in New England as the Lord may open the way for, and Truth-Direct, and some labor within the limits of Canada Yearly Meeting, she being a Minister in good union with them. Her company and services are very acceptable to us.

We appoint Anna A. Foster, Abby W. Gardner, Jane C. Chase, Mary J. Foster, and Sarah H. Milner to prepare a summary from the answers to the queries and present it at our next sitting.

We have received very acceptable Epistles from all of the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence, which have been read to our edification and comfort, and a feeling of gratitude arises for this evidence of Christian fellowship existing between us, and our dear sisters, with whom we have seldom permitted to mingle personally, and we crave that the bond may be continually strengthened, drawing us nearer and nearer together, and nearer to the Fountain of all good.

We appoint Anna A. Foster, Abby W. Gardner, Martha B. Sheffield, Mary J. Foster, Sarah H. Milner, and Mary A. Gardner to prepare essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings as may may open, and

present - them at a future sitting.

We have also in attendance our dear Friend Andrew Hinshaw, who has produced a Certificate signed on behalf of a Committee to wit Sarah Ann Hinshaw was provided with a suitable companion, informing that he is a member and Elder of Cottonwood Monthly Meeting, in good esteem among them. His company, and weighty deportment are very acceptable and satisfactory.

The representatives are desired to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree upon the name of a Friend for Clerk, and one for Assistant Clerk, and report to our next sitting.

No further business coming before us at this sitting we adjourn to the time when Friends may propose to meet this afternoon.

Afternoon, was the 14th hour Friends again met.

Anna H. Chan, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing the name of Mary A. Gardner for Clerk, and that of Sarah A. Miller for Assistant Clerk, which being separately considered are united with by the meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to those services.

The Queries succeeded by answers to each, from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time, also a Summary prepared therefrom, which is accepted by the meeting to be placed on record.

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended. Those on First day by most of our members when of ability to do so. And such meetings not so well attended. The time generally chosen is most prime. Mostly personal gratification. No other unbefitting behavior.

2nd Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained. Endeavors were to guard against detraction. No differences have been brought to our notice.

3rd We believe that some Friends are concerned that our testimonies should be maintained in regard to plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, plain dwelling, and the corrupt-conversation of the world, also to be good examples herein themselves, but deviations are apparent amongst us. We believe that the Holy Scriptures are faithfully read in our assemblies.

4th We believe that Friends are careful to avoid the use of spiritous liquors except for medicines, also the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort. And to observe moderation and temperance.

5th None seeking assistance. Children participate of learning to fit them for business. No children played from among Friends.

6th Parents, and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are thought to be careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Answer. We believe that most of our members are concerned to maintain their testimony in the several parts of this Query. Some instances of attending meeting when there is a paid ministry.

8th Friends are thought to be careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, - punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, also have a care to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Friends are careful as to records. No removals without certificates.

10th No dealing, or placing of judgment - since our last account.

Information is received that Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings in second month last, united with North Kingstown Monthly Meetings in acknowledging the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Miss A. Gardner.

We have been furnished with the records of the Meeting for sufferings, which have been read and approved.

No further business claiming our attention at this sitting, we adjourn to such time tomorrow, as when Friends may propose.

Third day the 12th of the month, near the third hour in the afternoon Friends again met.

The names of the representatives being called all are present, who were at the first sitting, except one.

Returning minutes have been prepared for our dear friends Sarah Ann Hinshaw and Eliza H. Varney, which are read with by the meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on the behalf.

Our beloved friend Sarah Ann Hinshaw attended this meeting with a certificate from Cottonwood Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Jan 12th 1894, and endorsed by Cottonwood Quarterly meeting, held at Emporia Kansas, 3rd Mo 1894, liberating her to attend New England Yearly Meeting, and some of the meetings within its limits, she being a minister in good unity with them. Her company and services have been very acceptable to us, lending to our comfort and edification, also strengthening and encouraging us.

Signed on behalf of
New England Yearly meeting of Friends held at Westbury N.Y.
by adjournments on the 11th and 12th of 6th mo 1894
John W. Foster, } Clerk
Mary A. Gardner }

Our beloved friend Eliza H. Varney attended this meeting with a certificate from West Lake Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Bloomfield, Indiana 1st Mo 1894, and endorsed by West Lake Four Monthly Meeting held at the same place 2nd mo 3rd 1894, liberating her to visit in the love of the Gospel Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and some of the meetings within the limits of the different Yearly Meetings belonging to it; and such other service within its limits as may shall open for her to attend New England Yearly Meeting and such other service in New England as the Lord may open the way for, and shall desire and some labor within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting she being a minister in good unity with them. Her company and services have been very acceptable to us, lending to our comfort and edification, also strengthening and encouraging us.

Signed on behalf of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

held at Westerly, R. I. by adjournments on the 11th and 12th
of 6th mo 1894.

John H. Foster }
Mary A. Gardner } Sec

The Committee, appointed at a previous sitting to prepare
copies of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings with which
we are in correspondence, have produced such addressed
to each of the Yearly Meetings, which have been read and
approved and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward the
same on behalf of the meeting.

Our Friends have furnished a returning minute for our
Dear Friend Andrew Thirkson, which is submitted with by this
meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign the same
on its behalf.

The Book and Tract Committee present the following
report.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

We have received from the Phil. Association & Philadelphia
some forty volumes of the Standard writings of Friends and
several thousand Tracts the past year at an expense of
\$74.13, and the same has been settled for out of the Yearly
meeting fund. A large share of the same books and
Tracts have been placed in Public Libraries or otherwise
distributed and expressions of satisfaction have been re-
ceived for these, and in some instances more have
been requested. Especially Trustees of Public Libraries
have been thanked for them.

On behalf of the Committee
George C. Foster.

which is satisfactory, and this meeting unites in the
re-appointment of the same friends to serve in that
capacity for the ensuing year.

We also unite with the New Meeting in welcoming
you the coming year the same friends who now constitute
the Meeting for Sufferings, with the addition of George
B. Foster.

Men Friends inform that they have united
with a proposition to bring the Minutes of both the
New and Domestic Yearly Meetings, also the Epistles
received from other many Meetings, which is approved
by this meeting.

We feel to acknowledge, with deep humility, the Love
and mercy of our Heavenly Father, in that He has com-
descended from time to time "to manage" our concerns
with us over-riding and subduing our weakness, and
enabling us to transact the business which has come before
us, in harmony and love. Under a precious blessing
of solemnity, we conclude, purposing to meet again
in sixth month next at the place, consistent with
the Divine Will.

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

Epistles.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1874.

Dear Friends.

We feel it to be a favor from the Head
of The Church that we have again assembled in the
Capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and we feel a concern
that we may not dishonor our Head and Leader.

We very much desire a true religious growth, both
with you and us. That more sons and daughters may
be brought into a saving knowledge of our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ. We also feel our weakness and
inability to do any good work without His help.

Our Saviour charged his disciples to tarry at Jerusalem, until they were endued with power from on high, to do the work which He had appointed unto them to do. "For without Me," He says, "ye can do nothing."

And He also declared, He was that living Bread which came down from Heaven. And again, He says, "Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."

Here truly is the supper of the Lord Jesus, which if we happily partake of, we shall be qualified and fitted to do whatever He calls for at our hands.

Every individual must do his own work, for man cannot redeem his brother. The outward adorning will not answer, but it must be the inward sincerity of the heart: "Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life."

May we be more humble, and more watchful over ourselves to follow in the path of a crucified Saviour, and let us not be ashamed to confess Him, and his Gospel before the world, for if we do, He will be able to confess us before his Father. Now if we are the children of our Heavenly Father, then "His is God and ours: His with Christ." "If so be we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together."

There is here no contending city, seeing that there is not our rest, neither do we wish it were so for it is a polluted rest, and seeing that God is our Father, and His promised glory our inheritance forever, we must not at the many hindrances that are put in our way shall come forth as gold tried in the fire in which the drossen image may be refined.

The Lord will not afflict willingly the children of men, and the apostle Paul says, "In bringing many sons unto glory, it was necessary that the Captain of their salva-

ion should be made perfect through suffering? And so
also must we. And He also has various ways and means
to work for the purification of the heart of man, and if we
will not obey his fatherly chastisement He speaks louder that
we may understand, and then hard thoughts come in upon
the mind to shake our faith and trust and embitter the
Christian life, and we feel forsaken, but the Lord is there very
near, as we shall presently see, watching the purifying pro-
cess, that will, if rightly done, bring us nearer and nearer
unto Himself. And if we know of an overcoming, such as the
beloved Apostle saw in the Revolutions of the Church, our
names will not be blotted out of the Lamb's Book of Life
and after a few more struggles and conflicts we may enter
in through the Gate into the City whose walls are salvation
and whose gates are praise.

We have received your very ac-
ceptable Epistle of '92, and have been favored with its reading
thru from all with whom we correspond as brethren and
and sisters in the truth.

We have the company of dear Friends from
abroad whose Gospel Letters have been very acceptable to us.

And now farewell, dear Sisters, and may the Lord be
near us to the very end of our pilgrimage and may we in our
walk put to that principle of the Light of Christ's love as
distinguished our early Friends. The journey is a narrow
Light which shows us our dark shadows. May we go on
whether they be evil, this will lead and guide us all the way.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends. 1894
Dear Friends.

We have again met in a Yearly Meeting
assembly, to transact the affairs of the Church and we
trust we are a pure and pious of Christ-resident Church.

Christ-Loved His Church and gave His Life for it; that
He might sanctify and cleanse it from all unholiness by
the washing of regeneration, that He might present unto
Himself a glorious Church not having spot or wrinkle
having even a garment spotted by the flesh, but that it
should be holy without blemish. And He hath raised
up and united us to sit together in heavenly places in
Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the
superabundant riches of His grace Ephesians 2nd Chapter. And may
the Church come up from the wilderness coming on her
Palmeto for Christ is the Head and Foundation and true
Corner Stone of the Church and nothing can separate His Church
from Him. The Apostle Paul in Romans 8th Chapter says "Who
shall separate us from the love of Christ, shall tribulation,
or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness,
or peril, or sword, ever be able to separate us from the love
of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord?" The Apostle Peter designates
the Church of Christ as a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye might shew forth
the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into
His Marvellous Light; And the same Apostle further
says "If ye should in mind named by Him ye shall not be
defiled nor unquaffed in the knowledge of our Lord
Jesus Christ."

We have been comforted in the showing of
your acceptable Epistle of 1893. We feel poor and weak,
but not comfortless, for our Saviour promised His followers
that He would not leave them comfortless, but would
comfort them. And now let us be comforted in
tribulation since the Comforter is near, for His ears
are ever open to the sighing and the crying of the weary.
Though at times the enemy may be permitted to assail
us with his insinuations, for he would rejoice to weaken
our Faith and thus break us to the depth
of despair and by so making us feel that we are beyond

the Lord's help, but believe it not; for he was a liar from the
beginning. Let us not harbor a shadow of a doubt
of his mercy and goodness, nor distrust his loving care over us
and also over all his works, from the least that moves upon
his footstool, to the greatest of his wonderful works.

"Do not I fill the Heaven and earth," saith the Lord
through the mouth of his Prophet Jeremiah. How then
can anything escape his all penetrating eye? And when we
contemplate it, may we not exclaim as in the anthem
in the Apocalypse, "Great and marvelous are thy works,
Lord God Almighty: just and true are thy ways, thou
King of Saints." The world will work, but will
not again. And Christ says, "If the world hate you, re-
member it hated me before it hated you; if ye were of
the world, the world would love its own." May we
put on the whole armor of God, walking in the joyful
narrow path leading up to our Eternal Home.

We have the acceptable company of dear Friends
from other Weekly Meetings, who are a comfort to us
in our lonely situation.

And now, dear Sisters, farewell
and, as the Apostle Paul saith, We commend you
to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to
build you up, and to give you an inheritance among
all them which are sanctified.

Yours ever &c.

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

To Iowa Weekly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters:-

We have been comforted and encouraged by
the feeling of unity and sisterly love manifested in your
acceptable Epistle of 10th inst. and we believe that a
measure of thankfulness is felt for the precious friendship
of this correspondence, and we earnestly desire

that it may not be allowed to become a mere form of words - between eloquence or polished - but that it may be in the love and fear of the Lord, depending upon his holy help and strength, seeking for his approbation more than that of our fellow mortals and then will there be a new life which shall reach the millions for whom in the hearts of the sincere and humble travellers from word, refreshing their souls, and strengthening them to seek more and more to be found diligently striving to make their calling and election sure!

We are sensible of our weakness, and sometimes, of almost a feeling of discouragement and we earnestly make an increase of faith and trust - remembering the promise, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, and abideth forever."

The deficiencies so apparent amongst us, and the want of a true concern to be found living in accordance with the principles which we profess and maintaining our testimonies before the world, as regards language address and apparel, is cause for much weeping and travail of spirit, and many silent petitions are put up that He who turneth the heads of rivers and turneth the watercourse in the field will so strengthen the feet upon whom the burden falls, that they may be enabled in humility, meekness and patience to fight on their way without shrinking; and that He will in his own good time, turn the hearts of others from the perishing things of this world to the one thing needful, that they may be by Him filled and prepared for his work and service, and be led to occupy the talents which they have been favoured, to his honor and praise, with being faithful over a little.

Living all the better into the storehouse, and the blessing shall be surely enjoyed.

And may the dear youth be led to remember their position
in the days of their youth, and and for the Most of great
price in the morning of their days in the Most of great
hardness and the conscience shamed by yielding to the
gratifications of the flesh, and the example and influ-
ence of those who have not chosen the Lord for their
Master, a much and quiet spirit for their surroundings,
nor the strait and narrow way for their path to walk
in.

We have been favored at this time with the precious
company, and services in the love of the Gospel of dear
Friends from other yearly meetings.

Let us with you,
and you with us, strive to be found wearing the whole
armor of God; the girdle of truth, the breastplate of
righteousness, the feet shod with the preparation of
the Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of
salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the
word of God.

May the Lord preserve the faithful friends
ones in your land, wherever scattered and however
widely, and when you are favored with access to the
Throne of Grace, have help for the little separated
or tried ones in this land.

With a salutation of
love we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Henry A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Friends Yearly Meeting of Friends Friends 1847.
Dear Sisters:

As we are once more favored to have the
affectionate greetings from our dear sisters in other parts
of the land, feelings of gratitude arise that we are thus
permitted to encourage and strengthen each other by kind

words of sympathy and counsel. Our hearts go out
to you in love with a deep interest for your welfare
desiring that even now be strengthened to abide in patience
and humility, remembering the declaration that all
things work together for good to them that love God.

We feel to encourage you to trust in the
Lord for guidance in all your trials and conflicts; for
He will not forsake those whose dependence is upon Him.

He can increase the joy and exalt the humble, and it
is his delight to do so if they will love and serve Him.

The vision of the Lord is a strong tower, a mighty rock
whereunto the righteous flee and find safety.

Much exercise
and an earnest-travail of spirit is felt that we may all
be brought individually to feel the responsibilities resting
upon us for every grace and blessing received and the
advantages of precept and example from worthy brethren
and others who faithfully served the Lord in their day
and generation, none of whom ever regretted giving up
the fashion and customs of a vain world, and acknowledging
our Lord and Holy Mediator before men. He hath
promised that it is only such as these that He will acknowl-
edge before His Father and the Holy Angels.

The path
the flesh would trace a wider path and less rugged, but
the way to the glorious Holy Kingdom has not been made
wider than that in which our precious Lord, Himself
walked, and which He required his disciples to follow Him.

We rejoice with you in the increasing interest
manifested among your young people, and that there seems
to be a growth in the precious Gospel truth in the hearts
of some of them. May the Lord watch over, keep
and direct them all.

The large number of young people
and children in some of your meetings does indeed in-
crease the responsibility of those who should be as wise

marks to their feet, and as shepherds of the flock, leading them
by Christ's door into the true fold.

We feel to acknowledge
with gratitude, the unswerving favor vouchsafed unto us
by the blessed Mother in sending her faithful and devoted
servants to labor amongst us. Their company and services
have been very acceptable; the tender love and sympathy
they have been led to extend to us, strengthening and encour-
aging some who have felt weak and almost ready to quit.
May the counsel and instruction imparted sink deep
into your hearts.

May all with you, and with us, be favored
to attain unto a perfect and triumphant life, well doing
seeking for immortality and eternal life.

With love and regard we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Society.

Mary A. Gardner Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1894
Dear Sisters,

Having been through the winter with nearly our
great loving kindness of our Assembly, we have
permitted us to come together to transact the business which
comes before us as a Yearly Meeting, we have earnestly
desired that we might be enabled to do all the work re-
quired of our hands to the honor of the Holy Head of the
Church. Well knowing our weakness, discouragement
is often our portion, and we feel insufficient for these things,
but as we have endeavored to seek to know the will of Him
who died that we might live, and have ^{and} found our way
in the dark, way has been made for us where there
seemed to be no way.

The reading of your Epistle
together with those from the other Yearly Meetings with

which we correspond has been comforting, and encouraging
to us to keep on the way and do what we can to further
the cause of righteousness on the earth as we are led and
guided by the Father of all.

It is encouraging to know that the
dear youth among you feel an interest in the business
of the Weekly Meeting, also that they feel concerned for
their own advancement in things pertaining to their
final rest and souls salvation, and our desires are
that they, with those of the same class with us, may
become faithful laborers in the Church Militant and
standard bearers in place of those who are from time to
time called away from earth. For such are much needed
with us as elsewhere. And dear Sisters, may all
youth old and young with you and us be led to walk
each day nearer to our Heavenly Guide, not conforming to
the world, but may our path be in the narrow way which
leadeth unto life, that in the last day, we may be permitted
to enter the Heavenly Jerusalem whose streets are
paved with gold, whose walls are Salvation and whose
gate is Praise!

We have with us at this time several
friends from other Weekly Meetings, whose company
and Gospel labors have been very acceptable, such
as a brook by the way. Much valuable counsel has
been handed forth and may we profit by it. May
it sink deep in our hearts and prove us a weak garment
in a sure place. Surely we shall be in fault
if it pass unheeded.

And now with a salutation of love
we would commend you, with ourselves, to the love
and care of the Father of our being; and bidding you
an affectionate farewell, we are your friends
Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

A New England Young Meeting of Women Friends
held at Westbury, N.S. commencing with public
meetings for worship on first day the 16th & 6th mo
1893, and on second day morning the 17th (see
discipline).

Accounts have been received from
Rhode Island and Sandwich Locality Meetings,
by which it appears that the following names of friends
are appointed to attend this meeting as representa-
tives. From Rhode Island, Betta A. Crandall
Anna A. Foster, Anna M. Hale and Mary A. Ward-
ner, from Sandwich, Sarah E. Mitchell and
Elizabeth G. Milner, whose names being called
they are present.

We have in attendance our
beloved friend Eliza H. Farny with a certificate
from West Lake Monthly Meeting held at Bolton
Jude Ontario June 17th 1893, and endorsed by
West Lake Four Months Meeting held at the same
place June 2nd 1893. Eliza has for religious service
within the limits of Nova Scotia Young Meeting
also to attend New England Young Meeting, and
whatsoever service in New England she should ever
open the way for a South sister. She seeks
labor within the limits of Canada Young Meeting
and to appoint some meetings if way should open
for it in any of the above named places. She
being a Unitarian in union with them. Her
company and service are acceptable and encour-
aging to us and the Clerk is directed to present
her with a returning minute.

We appoint,
Jane C. Chase, Mary J. Foster, Martha B. May-
field and Sarah A. Milner to prepare a sum-
mary from the answers to the queries and pre-
sent it at our next sitting.

We have received very acceptable Epistles from all of the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence and as they have been read on our meeting we feel so indebted with humble thank-offerings to God that our dear Sisters have felt to express so much loving appreciation and encouragement to us, and we have felt that the counsel and instruction they have felt to extend may be heeded and remembered to our profit.

We appointed Anna A. Foster, Mary M. Gardner, Mary J. Foster, Sarah H. Wilbur, Emma H. Chase and Mary A. Gardner to prepare essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings in way they open and present them at a future sitting.

We have received at this time a very acceptable Epistle from our beloved Grand Mother's Circle of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, and we feel to express our unity and appreciation being desiring that the same be kindly read to address us.

The representatives are desired to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree upon the name of a Fund for Clerk and also for Assistant Clerk, and report at our next sitting.

No further business coming before us at this sitting we adjourn to the time when Friends may propose this afternoon.

Afternoon, near the 4th hour Friends again met.

Emma H. Chase informing the representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in the reappointment of Mary A. Gardner for Clerk and Sarah H. Wilbur for Assistant Clerk and their names being separately considered are

united with, and they are accordingly reapportioned
to those services.

The Queries, succeeded by answers
from 1244 from Rhode Island and Washington
Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time,
also a summary prepared therefrom, which
is accepted by the meeting to be placed on record.

Ans 1st - All our meetings for religious worship
and discipline have been attended except one
for business. Those on Friday by meeting our
members when it is likely to be so. Edward East
was not so well attended. The time mostly
passed, mostly that of sleep. No other
recommending substance.

Ans 2nd Love and unity in a good degree
maintained. Endeavored used to guard
against dissension. No dissensions have
been brought to our notice.

Ans 3rd We believe that some of our members
are concerned that our testimonies should be main-
tained in regard to plainness of speech, behavior and
apparel. Permissible reading and conversation
of the world, are to be good examples before them-
selves. But the conversation appears arranged so
improbable that a danger remains on the part of others
is much to be desired. We believe that the Holy
Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th - Friends are careful to confine the use of
ornaments known to medicinal purposes and
guard against the unnecessary wearing of lace
and pieces of public credit. Modest and true

Verance observed on the occasions referred to.

Ans 5th No one making assistance. Children make
a business to get them for business. Some
placed front amongst Friends.

Ans 6th Friends feel a concern as queried after.
There has been no quarriages since our last account.

Ans 7th We receive that the greater part of our members
are contented to maintain their testimony in the
several parts of this query. Some attend Meetings where
there is a paid ministry.

Ans 8th Friends are thought to be careful in each of the
several parts of this query.

Ans 9th Friends endeavor to be careful as to records.
No removals without Certificates.

Ans 10th Friends feel a concern to deal with offenders as
queried. No placing judgment since our last account.

We have been furnished with the records of the Meeting
for sufferings which have been read and approved.

No further business claiming our attention at this sitting
we adjourn to such time tomorrow as our Friends
may propose.

Third day the 18th of the month near the Third
hour in the afternoon Friends again met.

The names of the representatives being called all
are present except one for whose absence a

saturnary season was very good.

A returning minute has been prepared for our dear Friend Eliza H. Barney which is united with by this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on its behalf.

Our beloved Friend Eliza H. Barney attended this meeting with a certificate from West Lake Monthly Meeting held at Bloomsfield Centre June 17th 1895 and endorsed by West Lake Yearly Meeting held in the same place June 2nd. Certifying her for religious service within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting also to attend New England Yearly Meeting and what ever service in New England that Lord may open the way for and Truth direct, and some labor within the limits of Canada Yearly Meeting, and to appoint some meetings if way should open for it in any of the above named places. She being a minister in unity with them. Her company and services in the cause of the Gospel have been accepted and welcoming tending to strengthen and encourage us.

Signed on behalf of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westbury N.H. by adjournment - on the 17th and 18th of 6th mo 1895

John W. Foster. Clerk.
Mary A. Gardner. Secs.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to prepare essays for the annual Yearly Meeting with which we are in close connection have produced such additional to each of the Yearly Meetings. These have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward the same on behalf of the meeting.

then friends unite that they are united in proposing the
reappointment of the same friends who were constituted the
meeting of the year 1844, with the exception of Isaac P. Wilbur, who
has declined, of the same friends who were constituted the
meeting of the year 1845, with the exception of John S. Wilbur,
and Charles Perry, which has the approval of the meeting.

The members are as follows

Isaac Tucker	J. Barclay Foster	Charles Perry
George Foster	John S. Wilbur	Anna A. Foster
Thomas Perry	James H. Tucker	Elizabeth H. Eddy
William H. Wood	George C. Foster	Anna H. Chase
John H. Foster	Anna O. Foster	Sarah F. Wilbur
Jonathan Chase	John V. Wilbur	Mary A. Gardner

The Book and Tract Committee present the follow-
ing report

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

We have received from the Tract Association of Philadelphia
a number of books and tracts of the Standard series
of tracts some of which have been placed in Public
Libraries and otherwise distributed and were gladly accept-
ed. A number of books have been distributed by mail, for
which in many instances, expressions of appreciation and
thankfulness have been received.

The expense for
Books and Tracts has been \$37.33^{1/2} which has been set-
tled by The Treasurer of The Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

George C. Foster Clerk.

It is singularly, and this meeting unites in the
reappointment of the same friends who were con-
stituted the meeting of the year 1844, with the exception of Isaac P. Wilbur, who
has declined, of the same friends who were constituted the
meeting of the year 1845, with the exception of John S. Wilbur,
and Charles Perry, which has the approval of the meeting.

George C. Foster	Anna A. Foster
J. Barclay Foster	Fredrick C. Beagman
John S. Wilbur	Arthur Perry
James H. Tucker	Ruth A. Chandler
	Elizabeth C. Linn

Anna H. Orale. Sarah F. Milour. Emma A. H. Perry.
Elizabeth G. Milour, and Anna A. Gardner.

We have had at this Quarterly Meeting the very acceptable company of our dear friends Mr. & Mrs. Edith Smith from the nearby Meeting, and Anne B. Crampton from Philadelphia which has been much to our comfort and encouragement.

This meeting unites with the three meetings in concluding to print the Minutes of both meetings the same as last year including the Epistles received.

Although we came together under a sense of much weakness, yet we feel to acknowledge with gratitude that we have been favored with the overshadowing presence of our Heavenly Father, enabling us to accomplish the business which has come before us, in harmony and quietness. Under a proper solemnity we conclude, purposing to meet again at the place in next month - but if consistent with the Divine will.

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

Epistles.

To the Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends 1892.

Dear Friends

We have again been permitted by the Head of the Church to assemble once more in a greatly enlarged capacity, and we have received your Epistle of 7th which has read in our meeting, and which also will show in correspondence. These salutations from the different Quarterly Meetings we believe

are from our Heavenly Father's Treasury, and bear the stamp of true discipleship, because of love to one another in the fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Though all of us may not be the true Israel of God. For acceptable unto God must be a holy waiting before Him, here no domination nor enchantment can prevail against them, and therein they can say, "You goodly are they unto the Jacob and they shall make the Israel".

Truly, as we are, we feel that there has been a precious covering of Divine regard resting upon us.

And this is in accordance with our Saviour's promise that where two or three are gathered in His name, He will be in the midst of them.

Christ is the door to the sheep fold and the shepherd of His sheep. He says the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep, and other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

The Gospel of our Lord and Saviour was cunningly devised of the devil, but the only way that we opened for our salvation. The apostles Peter, with James and John, who were with Him on the Holy mountain at His transfiguration, were eyewitnesses of His majesty for He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

We cannot reject this evidence of His divine character, if we do He will reject us and we shall never see His face in glory. His name Jesus whom they crucified without the gates of Jerusalem is the Lord of Life and Glory.

We were comforted by your epistle, it cheered us in our weak condition, exhorting us that we be not unduly cast down because of our numbers, or our

isolated situation. We have lost some dear friends
since last year which we shall greatly miss, there are
yet one we are passing away. There are, no doubt,
some dear friends among you that have suffered much
many painful conflicts for the Law and the testimony,
who have stood upon the walls as watchmen, and who
well know that His Church was bought by the precious
blood of Christ. The Lord strengthen these and pre-
serve them for they can exclaim, "The Lord is my Shep-
herd I shall not want." We have the company of
dear friends from other Yearly Meetings who have been
most acceptably with us. Our Father says "Be ye
firm for I have overcome the world." Through Him
also may we overcome.

Yours on behalf of the Yearly Meeting

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1848.

Dear Friends

We have again gathered in a Yearly Meet-
ing capacity, and your acceptable Epistle has been re-
ceived and read in our assembly, and we salute you
a sister in Christ who is the Alpha and the Omega
of His Church. In Luke the 12th are some very pre-
cious sayings of our Saviour as you are doubtless remem-
ber, and therein He says to His costly followers, go
Ye shew such for His disciples. "Feed not little flock
for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the
Kingdom." And in this Chapter also there are many
comforting promises, where five sparrows are sold for
two farthings and not one is forgotten before God.
And further He says, Let your loins be girded about
and your light-burning, and blessed are those

servants whom the Lord whom He loveth shall
find watching. It appears that not even a spar-
row is forgotten, and so also as He feedeth the ravens
when they cry, how much more will He care for His
Church and People. The most minute transactions
are not overlooked. By His all searching eye and by
the word of His Power He upholdeth all things, the
smallest as well as the greatest. Not a grain of wheat
shall be lost, or a noble action go unrewarded if per-
formed from the love of God, for righteousness' exalt-
eth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people, so
also to an individual. The Lord hath done great
things for this People, and we earnestly crave that we
may not leave our first love, but that there be a
greater dedication and increased faithfulness with us;
and that more sons and daughters may be qualified to
work in his vineyard, whose lips have been touched
and purified with a live coal from off the altar.

It does not require learning or talent to serve the
Lord, but an obedient heart. Jesus called a
little child and set him in the midst of them, and
said, "Verily I say unto you except ye be converted
and become as little children ye shall not enter the
Kingdom of Heaven." So we see what is required of
us, "Be justly like mercy," and walk in the innocence
of a little child. This was what the Saviour
labored for while in that prepared body, walking up
and down in Jerusa, and finally nailed to the
cross for the "salvation of mankind."

We are interested in the youth and precious chil-
dren, we feel it to be a grace from the Head of the
Church that they are within the enclosure of the Bo-
dy. We feel that our forefathers were wisely
directed in this respect, it is a privilege that they
do not appreciate in their young years, but it is

a Sledge about them in their wilderness journey, which
will help preserve them, and the closer they grow, the
more they will see how good it is there where their Heavenly
Father in His wisdom hath placed them, and in this
enclosure they are preserved more innocent, and more true
minded, more ready to receive their Heavenly Father's
visitations, which they must do if they are born again
and become God's dear children, and this good seed by
taking root downward, will spring upward and bear
fruit.

Everwell dear sisters, our love is to
you and the whole household of Faith.

We have some dear Friends from abroad, who
are acceptably with us, some within love of the gospel
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We have lost some dear Friends of late
and we miss them, and ^{with} those who trials of time
are surely over.

Signed on behalf of The Yearly Meeting.

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends. 1873.

Dear Friends,

We are again permitted to assemble at
our Yearly Meeting. And we gratefully acknowledge
the labor & words of exhortation and sympathy
in the epistles from our distant-sisters in the several
Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The desire was expressed that this link of commun-
ication might continue unbroken.

We know that no man can do the work of sev-
eral. On this matter we were in the silence of
all Y^{rs} there is an uprising of the spiritual light
it is sometimes graciously permitted that it may

overflow as from one vessel to another, to the
mutual refreshing of the humble servants of the
Lord. We thank with us several valued
friends from a distance whose services we
much prize in presence of Divine favor towards us
and whose labors are edifying.

Though in weakness
and smallness of numbers that bows the finite
mind, we have been permitted to transact our
business in harmony, under a covering of solemnity.
We trust that we may separately renew our
dedication as individuals, and remembering
that the object of our creation is the glory of our
Savior. We must ever faithfully where
ever He places us, and ask not to see results
for the harvest is the Lord's, and of the future
we can only know that through His mercy He has
provided us with a Redeemer to make us all
one with Him if we continue faithful to the
end.

Desiring your preservation and advancement
in 'Best Things' we are with love

Your friends

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

Mary H. Gardner, Clerk.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1893.

Dear Friends,

We have received your acceptable Epistle
of 11th inst, also like favors from each of the several
Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence
and they have been read to our satisfaction and
encouragement. We are drawn by these sisterly com-
munications into a closer communion and unity of

spirit - receiving a measure of that true Christian fellowship
which is not only a rejoicing in one another's
joy, but a bearing of each other's burdens.

Much affection
and interest is felt in your welfare, and sincere solicitude
for your preservation and advancement in that
one and living way that leadeth unto Life, for we
are sensible that the unwearied pursuit of our souls
salvation is every where, seeking by His many align-
ments and transformations to deliver and subvert the
children of men, and it is only by being constantly on
the watch, even to watching unto prayer, and a deep
and abiding faith and trust in the Name and Power
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - that we can be
enabled to withstand the many temptations that surround
us.

A weighty concern is begotten that in this our
annual meeting, all may be done to the glory and honor
of the Lord, and the promotion of the Kingdom on the
earth, that in patience and meekness with lowliness
of mind we may seek to encourage and strengthen one
another to individual faithfulness in maintaining the
the principles which we profess, and to render obedi-
ence to that inward Monitor the Spirit of Grace which
is given to all, and is able to preserve us from falling.

We have the acceptable company of several dear
Friends from other Branch Meetings, and are as usual in
a favor of which we feel unworthy. The faithful
have been encouraged, the true mourners in Zion
have been cheered and strengthened, the Wayward
and disobedient have been admonished, and all
counselled to more faithfulness more watchful-
ness, even unto the end. We have been tenderly
reminded that because of our being few in number, even
more faithfulness is required of each. Earnest desires
are felt that we may know more and more of a

willingness to dedicate our whole hearts and lives to
Him who alone is worthy to be served. Letting our lights
so shine before men that our Father in Heaven may be
glorified, and our example be such that none may
be stumbled or turned aside thereby, but be encour-
aged to seek diligently to make their calling and election
sure, and obtain an inheritance incorruptible un-
defiled and that fadeeth not away.

Trusting that the blessing of the Lord may rest
abundantly upon you and upon us, individually
and as a Church, we are affectionately
your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends.

Once more we find ourselves at the season
when we meet at our annual gathering. To transact in the
capacity of a Yearly Meeting the business which comes before
us. And while feeling even more than ever before our
utter inability to do by ourselves one good thing, we were
led to query, How shall we be able to conduct the weighty
affairs of the Church in a manner acceptable in the
sight of the Lord of all? And strong desires were
felt that a portion of His Spirit might be vouchsafed to
us; that we might know of a dedication of our hearts
to His service, then hard things would be made easy and
other things sweet. We have with us at this time
several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, which
has been refreshing, and we feel that it is truly a
joy that they were drawn to be with us, and that
we are still held in remembrance by our Heavenly Father
who sends His servants to minister to us in our poverty.

and discouragement, and may the counsel handed forth
find a place in the hearts of each and all. We have been
earnestly pleaded with to turn from the world, and the
allurements thereof, not seeking the Lord after our own way,
but in the way of His requiring, and to close in with religion
now, while there is an open door, for today is the day
of salvation, the morrow is not ours.

Your acceptable epistle has been received and the
sentiments therein are both instructive and encouraging.
The interchange of these expressions of love and unity
between sister Church Meetings is very fitting indeed, and
the reading of yours with those of the other Meetings in our
circle of correspondence tended to raise our drooping spi-
rits and give us a little fresh courage to go on our way, for
our discouragements are many. When we look around
us and see so few who give evidence of being under the pre-
paring hand for future usefulness in the Church, we
can not but feel a fear that our precious testimonies,
for which our forefathers suffered much and in many
ways, many even laying down their natural lives, will
be left to the ground. The numbers seem to grow
with many that plainness of dress and address are not in
evidence in these days of adornment. This truly seems to weigh
many to live by, but will it serve us when death comes? will it
be all sooner or later, and not one of us knows how soon we may
be called to answer for the deeds done here in the body. If then
we should hear our Saviour say: "I know you not - ye shall live
to the world and not to me!" How sorrowful, yea dreadful, will
be our condition. Oh may we all, both you and we, know
more and more of a dedication of heart to the love and ser-
vice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And may the
dear young people be led, in the morning of their days, to
walk in the straight and narrow way which leads to life
everlasting, forsaking the world and the allurement
thereof, and entering upon that road which leads into

green pastures and by the still waters of life finally
to pass into a never ending eternity of bliss.

With a salutation of love we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Westerly Rhode Island, com-
mencing with public Meetings for worship on
first day the 14th of 6th month 1896, and on
second day morning the 15th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from Rhode Island
and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, by which it ap-
pears that the following named Friends were appoint-
ed to attend this meeting as representatives:

From Rhode Island - Ruth A. Grandall, Mary
A. Gardner, Anna M. Chace and Mary J. Foster.
From Sandwich - Sarah E. Mitchell, and Sarah F.
Milbur, whose names being called they are present.

We appoint - Mary J. Foster, Abby M. Gardner, Anna
M. Chace and Sarah F. Milbur, to prepare a summary
from the answers to the Queries and present it at
our next sitting.

Very acceptable and interesting
Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings
with which we correspond, and we trust that the
kindly interest and concern for our preservation and
growth in the Truth, of which they bear evidence is not
lost upon us, but has been gratefully felt by some
hearts amongst us; and the encouragement which our
dear Sisters have felt to extend is truly strengthening to

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weak and trembling ones, who are thus fresh reminded
that the Lord's Arm is not shortened that He cannot
save, nor His ear grown heavy that He cannot hear.

We appoint Anna A. Foster, Sarah E. Mitchell, Abby
W. Gardner, Mary J. Foster, Anna H. Chase and Mary A.
Gardner, to prepare essays or epistles to the several Yearly
Meetings as may may open and present them at a
future sitting.

We have in attendance at this Yearly
Meeting our beloved Friend Harvey H. Waight, who has
presented a minute from Norwich Monthly Meeting
of Friends held at Norwich, Ontario, 11th & 13th Nov 1896,
Expressing their unity with his concern to attend, in the love
of the Gospel, New England Yearly Meeting of Friends; and
endorsed by Norwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at the same place, 14th & 15th Nov 1896, he being a min-
ister in unity with them. His company and services
have been very acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to sign
a returning minute on behalf of this Meeting.

The representatives are desired to confer together at the
close of this sitting and agree upon the name of a
Friend for Clerk, and one for Assistant Clerk, and
report at our next sitting.

No further business coming before us at this sitting, we
adjourn to the time when Friends may propose this afternoon.

Afternoon. Near the 4th hour Friends again met.

Anna H. Chase on behalf of the representatives, in-
formed the Meeting, that they had conferred together
and were united in the reappointment of Mary A.
Gardner for Clerk and Sarah H. Milbur for Assistant
Clerk, their names being separately considered, are

united with, and they are accordingly reappointed to those services.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting succeeded by answers to each from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, also a summary prepared therefrom, which is accepted by the Meeting to be placed on record.

Answer First. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held. The Meetings on first days are generally attended by the most of our members, women of ability &c. &c. Some improvement in the attendance of the Meetings on week days. The hour pretty well observed. Most Friends are preserved from sleeping. No other undecorous behavior therein.

Answer Second. Love and unity in a good degree maintained, and endeavors used to guard against dissension. No differences have been brought to our notice.

Answer Third. We believe that some Friends are concerned that our testimonies should be maintained in regard to plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, firmness reading, and the corrupt conversation of the world, and to be good examples herein themselves, but from the deviations apparent among us, we feel that more care and a deeper concern on the part of others would tend to an increase of strength. We believe that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Answer Fourth. Friends are careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places

of public resort, and to receive the other requisitions of this
Every

Answer Fifth. The circumstances of the poor have been in
specter and their necessities relieved. Children freely
partake of luxury. Some placed from among friends.

Answer Sixth. One case of keeping company, with prospect
of marriage, with end not in matrimony.

Answer Seventh. We believe that the greater part of our
members are concerned to maintain their testimony in the
several parts of this Query. Some instances of attending
meetings where there is a paid ministry.

Answer Eighth. Friends are thought to be careful to ex-
pect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to
their promises, and just in the payment of their debts;
also to have a care to live within the bounds of their cir-
cumstances.

Answer Ninth. Careful as to records. No removals
without certificates.

Answer Tenth. We believe that a concern is felt that
offenders should be dealt with according to discipline
yet there has been some neglect of timely attention.
No placing of judgment since our last account.

No further business coming before us at this sitting
we adjourn to such time tomorrow as New Friends
propose.

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Third day, the 16th of the month, near the third hour in
the afternoon. Friends again met.

The names of the representatives being called, they were
all present.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to pre-
pare essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings with
which we are in correspondence, have produced such,
addressed to Ohio, Western, Iowa, Kansas, and Canada
Yearly Meetings & Women Friends, which have been read
and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and
forward the same on behalf of this Meeting.

We have been furnished with the records of the Meeting
for Sufferings, which have been read and approved,
and this Meeting unites with the New's Meeting in the
re-appointments of the Friends who now constitute
the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Committee
appointed several years ago to have the care of the
distribution of Friends' books and tracts, and which
has been continued from year to year, presents the
following report: viz
Report.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

A considerable
number of tracts and a quantity of books have been
distributed and gladly received, some seeming espe-
cially grateful for them. Also a large number of
juvenile tracts have been given to children, who were
much pleased with them, and we believe were read
and appreciated by them. The expense incurred
for same has been paid by the Treasurer of the Meeting.
Signed, on behalf of the Committee

George E. Foster. Clerk.

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Which is accepted, and this Meeting unites with the Great
Meeting in the reappointed - of the same friends to serve
in that capacity for the ensuing year.

The business of this Meeting being brought to a close,
an earnest desire is felt that as we separate, we may
not be unmindful of the blessings with which we have
from time to time been favored, but that our hearts
may be filled with humble thanksgiving and praise to
the Lord for His love and mercy. Under a sense
of which he solemnly concludes, purposing to meet
again at this place, in Sixth Month next, if consistent
with the Divine Will.

Mary A. Gardner. Clerk.

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To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1846.
Dear Sisters.

The reading of your very acceptable epistle
of last year, again reminds us that we are affectionately
remembered by our dear Sisters who are diligently seeking
to be found faithful in their attainments, and we gratefully
acknowledge the comforting expressions of love and unity
felt and extended to us in our shipwreck and isolated sit-
uation. The blessed Saviour's declaration and promise,
that seemed to arise in your hearts for us is evidence and
encouraging and strengthening to our weak and trembling
spirits. In a measure of true Christian love
and Fellowship do we feel to address you humbly
trusting that the blessing of the Shepherd of Israel will
rest upon the bond of unity which binds together
those who are sincerely striving to serve Him acceptably
in their day and generation, counting nothing too small as

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for him to give up at his mourning. It was declared by one of the Lord's Prophets, that 'They that feared the Lord spoke often one to another, and that Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His Name. And they shall be mine saith the Lord of Hosts in that day when I make up My jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own ~~son~~ that serveth him.'

We are sensible of our weakness and our shortcomings, and a Pentecost is felt that we may individually be engaged, to dig deep, that our foundation may be upon the immutable Rock - Christ Jesus, against which nothing shall ever prevail.

We are favored at this time with the acceptable company of several dear friends from distant parts, meetings, who have been led to find rest, comfort and encouragement, much to our comfort and edification. May all the Honor and praise be ascribed unto Him who hath thus remembered us, unworthy as we feel ourselves to be.

We feel much sympathy and tender love for the tried and sorrowing ones everywhere, and earnestly desire for them and ourselves that we all may be enabled to maintain the watch and the warfare against the wiles of the unscrupled enemy, keeping the eye single to the Divine Guide which leads into all truth, and in the end receive the crown of life which is promised to those who are faithful unto death.

With a salutation of love
we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

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To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends. 1896

Dear Sisters.

The little company who compose our Yearly Meeting have again assembled and listened to the reading of your valued Epistle, which has begotten a fresh sense of the obligations we are under when we attempt to respond to such communications, and the query which comes again, and yet again is - who among us are sufficient for these things?

The oil in our vessel of Congrat. is low, and unless we can know of the "empty vessels" being filled as was experienced when the widow's oil was so abundantly multiplied, we cannot pay the debt and have what is left to live ourselves.

We have been refreshed by the correspondence received from other Yearly Meetings, being persuaded that this interchange of thought and feeling between those of the same household of faith, has a comforting influence which would otherwise be lost.

We are favored with the company of a few friends from other Yearly Meetings, some having traveled a long distance to proclaim the Gospel among us, while others, constrained to meet and mingle with us in silence, by their cheerful presence respect a mission also.

The Public Meetings on first day were felt to be seasons of favor. The exhortation of the Apostle Paul to the Romans - "I beseech you therefore, Brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" - was brought before us in an impressive manner, and we were earnestly invited to offer that living sacrifice which is well pleasing in the Divine sight. Messages of instruction and encouragement were also freely dispensed.

Your petitions on our behalf called

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with feelings of humble gratitude. We can fully sympathize with a condition represented by you as stripped, clothed and fed, for we have experienced all that such a state embraces, and furthermore have had hard places upon which to rest; but a desire has arisen in our hearts for you as well as for ourselves that we may be enabled in strengthened faith and confidence - humbled by such a thing - to renounce our servants and set up our standard upon the very stones that our aching hearts have lain upon may become as memorials of God's mercy, to His praise. In the same bonds of love and affectionate regard we remain your sisters.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.
Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends. 1896.

Dear Sisters,

It is under an humbling^{sense} of the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father that we are again met together, and by the reading of your acceptable and instructive Epistles of 10th month last, also those from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, we have been comforted and encouraged and in a measure of that love which makes the friends of Truth near to each in a spiritual relation, although personally unacquainted, we are drawn in tender solicitude toward the whole flock and family of God, desiring for us all a state of reverence, humility and contrition of soul before Him who hath promised to dwell with him that is a contrite and humble spirit, and "to revive the spirit of the humble and the hearts of the contrite ones". It has been the testimony of eminent servants of the Lord that our prosperity in the Truth depends upon our faithfulness to the Almighty Father in what He manifests to us, though but in small things, unfaithfulness in which is the cause of loss and hurt to many in their growth therein.

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We have gratefully to acknowledge that the Lord hath not been unmindful of us, but hath blessed us with a sense of His loving presence, and also in, ^{sending} His dedicated servants to labor amongst us at this time, and the bread and water of life hath been dispensed to hungering and thirsting souls.

We earnestly desire that the youth of this generation may, by faithfulness and obedience, be raised up and fitted to fill the places of those who have gone to rest, that the work of the Lord may be carried on and we may be continued a people to His praise, contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

We are told that "because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold, but he that shall endure to the end shall be saved." What a blessed assurance for the support of such as are earnestly and sincerely seeking the Kingdom of Heaven and the righteousness thereof. Although they may be tried in the furnace of affliction and experience much weakness and discouragement, they have a well grounded hope in the promises of the Gospel, which are peace, sweetness and assurance forever. Through the love of Him who first loved us, and who, having loved His own which were in the world, loved them to the end.

With tender feelings of solicitude for your present and everlasting welfare, we are, with love, your sincerely affectionate friends.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1896.
Dear Sisters.

We are favored once more to open the business

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our meeting with the reading of Epistles from our
Sisters of that year. Yearly Meetings with which we
correspond. These salutations & love are grateful
to our hearts; and we hope that the words of exhortation
may not be lost upon us. The simple truths of the
Gospel as proclaimed by the founders of our Society are very
precious to us, and we desire to be preserved from follow-
ing after the "to him and to there", but yet we feel that
neither in our small gathering, nor among other branches
of the Christian Church about us, do we find the zeal of
those in another age who took their lives in their hands in
order to preach the Divine message committed to them; and
when they went forth to lay down their lives it is said of the
that "They parted from their friends at the prison full of
joy thanking the Lord that He accounted them worthy to suffer
for His name, and had kept them faithful to that end!"
It has been said that "persecution is the seed of the Church"
and unless we are more earnest each to "build the wall over
against his own house" may we not expect that fiery trials
will come to test our faith? We have this year the company
of two ministers from a distance, whose labors are acceptable
to us, and in our public meetings they have been favored to
set forth doctrines appropriate to some who have gathered
us. Desiring that through mercy we may all become
Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, we salute
you in love.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1896.
Dear Sisters,-

As we gathered once more as a Yearly Meeting
we felt that poverty was our portion, and unless help
came from our Holy and ever blessed Lord and Saviour
we should faint by the way. For without His help we

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can do nothing to His glory. Then we should ever love, adore and worship, leaving the vain glory of the world and its allurements behind us, and pressing forward to our high and holy calling of God in Christ-Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. And may we in all humility be led to seek and learn of Him who teaches as never man taught - that we may be able to walk as He would have us to, in the straight and narrow way which leadeth unto life eternal.

May we be enabled, as becomes Christian believers, to endure with patience the hard things which are permitted to befall us, that in the end we may come forth purified by Him who sitteth as a refiner and purifier of silver and He shall purify every son of Levi."

Your Epistle with those of the other dear, feelings in correspondence with us, have been read in this meeting to our comfort and encouragement; and much satisfaction is felt that we are thus remembered by our distant-sister, acknowledging as a Divine favor that we are thus connected, and trust that the chain may not soon be broken, but that we may remain bound to each other in the love of the Gospel; and may the valuable counsel and instruction thus extended fall on hearts prepared by the Master's holy hand, and taking root downward, bear fruit upward to the glory of His ever blessed Name.

We have with us at this time several dear friends from distant-Quarterly Meetings, whose company has been to us an encouragement, and whose Gospel labors proved instructive, and we thank our Heavenly Father that He has thus remembered us.

With a salutation of sisterly love, we desire that you, with us, may be preserved in the path of righteousness as becomes the children of a crucified and risen Lord, who suffered death that we might live.

Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held
at Westerly Rhode Island commencing with public
meetings for worship on First-day the 13th of sixth month
1897, and on Second day morning the 14th for discipline.

Accounts have been received from Rhode Island and Sand-
wich Quarterly Meetings, by which we are informed that
the following named Friends were appointed to attend
this meeting as representatives.

From Rhode Island. Ruth A. Crandall, Abby W.
Gardner, Martha B. Sheffield and Mary J. Foster.
From Sandwich. Susanna H. Gidley and Sarah H.
Wilbur, whose names being called, they are present
except one.

Very acceptable and interesting Epistles have been
received from each of the Yearly Meetings with which
we are in correspondence, and the reading of them
has been to our edification and comfort; a desire
is felt that the affectionate counsel therein may be
needed to our profit. It is indeed encouraging to be
thus reminded that we are of the same Household
of Faith, and that a bond of unity is established which
we trust will not be broken.

We appoint - Abby W. Gar-
ner, Anna H. Chace, Mary A. Gardner, Sarah H. Wilbur
and Mary J. Foster to prepare essays of Epistles to the
several Yearly Meetings, as way may open and pre-
sent them at a future sitting.

We appoint - Sarah
H. Wilbur, Abby W. Gardner and Jane C. Chace to prepare
a summary from the answers to the Queries and pre-
sent it at our next sitting.

The representatives are

desired to come together at the close of this sitting, and agree upon the name of the Friend for Clerk and one for assistant Clerk and report at our next sitting.

No further business coming before us at this sitting, we adjourn to the time this afternoon that Men Friends propose.

Afternoon near the 11th hour Friends again meet.

Abby H. Gardner on behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting that they had conferred together and were united in the reappointment of Mary F. Gardner for Clerk and Sarah H. Wilbur for assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered are united with and they are accordingly reappointed to those services.

The Queries succeeded by answers to each from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings have been read at this time also a Summary prepared therefrom which is accepted by the Meeting to be placed on record.

We have been furnished with the records of the Meeting for Sufferings which have been read and approved, and unity is expressed with the proposition of the Men's Meeting to reappoint the same Friends to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings with the addition of George H. Gifford.

No further business coming before the Meeting at this sitting, we adjourn to the time tomorrow that Men Friends propose.

Third day, the 13th of the month, near the third hour in the afternoon Friends again meet.

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The names of the representatives being called they were present except one.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to prepare essays or epistles to the several Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence, have produced such addressed to Ohio, Western Iowa, Kansas and Canada Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, which have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward the same on behalf of this Meeting.

We have the company of our dear Friends Enoch and Catherine Carter who are furnished with a minute from Spring River Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Kansas 4/21, 1897, expressing unity with their concern to attend some of the meetings belonging to Western and Ohio Yearly Meetings, and to visit some families & way opens for it, to attend New England Yearly Meeting, they being Elders in unity with them. Their company and service have been very acceptable and encouraging to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning Minute on behalf of the Meeting.

The Committee appointed several years ago to have the care of the distribution of Friends Books and Tracts, and which has been continued from year to year, presents the following report -

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:
The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to have the care of circulating Friends Books and Tracts, report - they have given the matter some attention, and have distributed such a number of books and tracts, also juvenile literature, when way opened for such work, and have received expressions of satisfaction from various persons in relation thereto. The committee having a sufficient supply of books etc. on hand have not drawn on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the past year.
On behalf of the Committee George E. Foster.

Which is approved, and this Meeting unites with the Men's Meeting in the re-appointment of the same Friends to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year.

Our dear friend Anna B. Branford from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, has been in attendance with us. Her company and services have been very acceptable, much to our encouragement and instruction, and we trust to our profit.

We came together at this time under a deep sense of our weak and stripped condition, and feeling in an especial manner the great loss we have sustained in the removal, from works to rewards, of some of our worthy and valued members, to whom we have looked for counsel and strength, and who have long borne the burden in the heat of the day. Yet we feel to gratefully acknowledge that the Shepherd of Israel hath in tenderness and mercy condescended to stoop to our low estate, and been pleased at seasons to manifest His living presence among us, and through His faithful servants we have received comfort and edification. Being tenderly reminded, for our encouragement, that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without His notice.

The business of this Meeting being brought to a close, we solemnly conclude, purposing to meet again at this place in the Sixth month next if consistent with the Divine Will.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

Epistles.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1897.

Dear Sisters:

Once more we have been permitted to gather as a Yearly Meeting; a little remnant as to numbers, and feeling even less as to strength and ability; deeply humbled with a sense of unfaithfulness in maintaining and uphold-

ing to the world, the precious Testimonies which our forefathers in the Truth suffered so much to maintain in this land; and when we remember what they endured, and yet that in this day there is no law of the land, and no cruel persecutors to hinder us from peaceably assembling ourselves together for religious worship, nor from maintaining all of our Testimonies in our daily lives, how can we escape the responsibility that must rest upon us if we neglect these things. By the reading of your valuable Epistle we are again made sensible of a dear unity of spirit and are comforted thereby. The expression of your affectionate solicitude, and desires that there might be more faithfulness in simplicity of dress and address, meets with a tender and cordial response in exercised hearts which are deeply concerned that this freedom about us may not be thrown down and destroyed, but that the breaches already observable may be repaired, lest the spirit and allurements of the world grow and more gain entrance and lay waste the whole heritage. Faithfulness in little things is the stepping stone to greater things. The enemy of all good is just as ready to take advantage of our little acts of unfaithfulness, as he is of any positively evil acts which we may commit, for by the former he can more easily lead us astray. It requires great watchfulness against him, and a constant eye to, and reliance upon, the dear Master, to be able to escape the plainest snare of the deceiver. Oh, then, how are we to shun his hidden snares and subtle devices? There is no way to escape his wiles, there is no progress in heavenly knowledge, nor attainment of true riches, and no stability for us in the Truth, without individual faithfulness; and that faithfulness must begin in little things, and be continued on through greater matters, and thereby we shall become more and more firmly settled and grounded in the Truth and preserved steadfast in the way of Life, our chief concern being, that the cause of Truth and Righteousness be promoted in the earth. We have several dear Friends, from other Yearly Meetings, with us at this time whose company and Gospel labor are refreshing, and are to us as books

by the wayside bearing evidence that we are remembered by the Great Head of the Church. May the precious seed thus sown be remembered to profit nurtured and cherished until it bring forth fruit to Master's praise. In the bonds of Christian fellowship and true unity of spirit, we bid you farewell, and "May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, 1897.

Dear Sisters,

Most of the members of our little company are again assembled; and we have the joy of receiving epistles of loving salutation and exhortation from each of the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence. It is refreshing to our gallant spirits to receive these evidences of regard and remembrance from those who are widely separated from us and from each other. Personal acquaintance is impossible, and yet we know that your lives are like our own. Little groups of people whom others regard as peculiar, striving to live in the world and yet not of it; to fulfil in due measure both the service of Martha and of Mary; with the desire that the work of Salvation may go on in our hearts, and the redimption of our natural talents be such that all may recognize who is our Master, the only begotten Son and sent of the Father. We have with us several visiting Friends, and the Gospel has been set forth in our public meetings in a manner appropriate to some extent.

We have been reminded that there is one watching over us, who says "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden" and this is addressed, not only to such as are borne down with great concerns, but to those who are depressed by an accumulation of the little cares of life. "As one whom this brother comforteth so will I comfort you."

With earnest desires for your growth in grace as well as our own, and for the spread of Christ's Kingdom on the earth we remain your loving friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

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To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends. 1897,
Dear Sisters,

Our love and sympathy for the members of these Yearly Meetings who annually send us greetings has been quickened, while with grateful hearts we have listened to the sober and exhortations which come to us, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. The administration of this service, while tending to supply our need, causes through us thanksgiving to Him who has enriched such and made them willing year by year to share with the bread which has been blessed and broken for them. In return for these favors we salute you, not as those who dwell beside still waters and around pastures green, but as a little remnant in a lonely place, striving to hold fast that "Faith once delivered to the Saints" and desiring to sow that seed which shall in due season if we faint not yield Life everlasting.

Our early predecessors received by conviction the truths which we are struggling to maintain. They made great sacrifices to obtain an establishment therein, and having thus purchased their possession they were careful not lightly to esteem it. As favored inheritors of those principles let us ever bear in mind, that the salvation of the soul cannot be inherited by birthright—neither imparted by education, it is an individual work indispensably necessary for every one to know wrought in themselves by that power which is able to save even to the uttermost. We are favored with the company of a few friends from other Yearly Meetings whose presence has refreshed and comforted those who feel the weight of exercise on these occasions shared by servants from other vineyards, who we trust, when the even is come and the Lord of the harvest shall call the laborers to give them their hire will each receive the full penny for service performed. The parable of the fig tree which was found void of fruit, was impressively brought before us in one of the public meetings, and we were reminded, one plead that the fruitless tree be spared another year while additional care and culture should be given. After that if it bore fruit, well, if not it should be

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at home. We were earnestly exhorted, as we know not the limit
of extended Grace, to improve with diligence all the time allotted
us. In conclusion dear friends May "He that ministereth seed to
the sower, both minister seed for your good, and multiply your
seed sown, and increase your righteousness" is the desire of your
distant friends whose offering, though but a cup of cold water, is
given in the name of Him who is able to bless every cup of consolation.
Signed on behalf of the Meeting. Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friends. 1897.
Dear Sisters.

Through unmerited favor we are again permitted to gather
in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and we earnestly trust that the
the earnest cheer for the spiritual will in love and mercy overshadow
our little remnant with a sense of His living presence, that in our
earnestness our hearts may be controlled by His Spirit under a true conviction
of our preservation and advancement in the Truth, and that
each of us be found in our individual attainment faithfully discharging
the trust assigned us, and improving the talents committed to our
care. By the reading of your acceptable Epistle you see a fresh
brought—very near to your best feelings, and the recognition of the
Yearly Meetings whose members are striving to walk by the same rule
and build the same things strengthening the bond of unity in the fel-
lowship of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We fervently petition for more abundant evidence of a concern
to be found humbly following the leadings of our blessed Saviors
and to be redeemed from the love of the world which is at enmity
with God, and where it prevails will keep the soul in bondage to sin.
The gate is strait and the way is narrow, but it is the way of ho-
liness and peace. It is only by offering unto the Lord the unex-
pected sacrifice of the heart when He is pleased to call for it, that
the dear young people among us can ever become as plants grown
up in their youth and as polished corner stones established in the
Temple that nothing is so essential for their present and eternal
welfare as close attention to the discoveries of the Light within
in their souls and faithful obedience thereto. By this they will be

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sought to distinguish between the voice of the true Shepherd and the
voice of the stranger. May we all cherish as the precious staff the
offerings of the Spirit of Christ, graciously bestowed for our help
and advancement in the way of salvation. Though at times the way
may be painful and the self denial into which it leads, maybe hard
on our natures, yet afterwards it gilds the peaceable fruits of righte-
ness. To those who are exercised thereby. We tenderly sympathize with
all true burden bearers who are deeply concerned, that their steps may
be ordered aright: and crave that all may patiently abide under the
bavai of soul for the welfare of Zion and the enlargement of her bor-
ders. We have been favoured with comforting Epistles from all of the
yearly Meetings in our circle of correspondence, and also with the
company of a few dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, and the
Bread and Water of Life have been dispensed to hungering and thirst-
ing souls, which we gratefully acknowledge as from the hand of a mer-
ciful and loving Creator. Desiring that we may individ-
ually grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ. We bid you an affectionate farewell.
Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters. - The passage of time has again brought us to the
season of our Annual gathering, and we have both in mercy and
permission to come together in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and in
faith, but as a grain of mustard seed, we felt unequal to the re-
sponsibility of the weighty affairs of the Church, and we craved
that we might be favored with such assistance from the only
true source of all good, as would enable us to do what was re-
quired at our hands faithfully, to the glory of our Father in
Heaven. The reading of your Epistle with those from the other
yearly Meetings in our circle of correspondence, has been as a brook
by the way, reminding us that we are remembered in love by
our distant Sisters, and although outwardly far distant, yet
drawn near together in the bonds of Gospel love. The interchange
of these communications is felt to be of much value.
Your allusion to the inroads in your numbers by the
hand of death, brings afresh to our minds the great loss we
also have sustained in the removal of dear Friends since
our last annual assembly, and as we view each vacant
place, we are led to query, On whom shall their mantles
fall? Strong desires have been felt that the dear young

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Sisters would be willing to take up the Cross, that by its power they may become worthy to fill the places of those who have gone before, and bear their share of the burdens which now have to be borne by a few, who often feel that weakness is their portion - Oh! may a double portion of the Holy Spirit - be poured upon us, unworthy as we are, and may we all be stimulated to greater faithfulness day by day, until there is a fitness for entrance into the Master's Kingdom above; and while we ask these blessings for our selves may the same rest - upon you, and may it never be the lot - of any of us mournfully to say "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not-saved."

We have been favored with the company of several Friends from other Yearly Meetings, which has been very acceptable, and the Gospel labors of some ~~have~~ been truly refreshing and encouraging, enabling us to believe that we are ever remembered by the great Head of the Church.

And now Sisters, in the language of the Apostle, "We commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." With a salutation of love, farewell
Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk.

